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The General Association

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MICHIGAN,

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

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## ERRATA.

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On page iv, 1st line, read 'State *Denominational* Paper.'

- " " v, in "Directors of Home Missions," for Rev. L. F. Bristol, read Rev. *F. L.* Bristol; and for Rev. T. J. Colton, read Rev. T. *G.* Colton.
- " " 8, in "Directors of Home Missions," for Page F. McClelland, read *Rev.* Page F. McClelland; and for Rev. T. J. Colton, read Rev. T. *G.* Colton.
- " " 11, under topic, "Manual," omit the two lines, "It was also voted that after revision by the author the paper be published in the minutes. (See Appendix E.)" And compare with first paragraph on page 20.
- " " 17, insert between second and third line the caption, "State Denominational Paper."
- " " 71, for "Darius Bettes—without charge," read "Darius Bettes—minister."
- " " 72, for John W. Carrick, read \**Charles* W. Carrick.
- " " 103, for Shelley, read *Shelby*.

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OF THE  
GENERAL ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES  
OF MICHIGAN  
AT THEIR MEETING IN  
MANISTEE, MAY 16TH, 1883.

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# General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan.

ORGANIZED OCTOBER 11th, 1842.

## OFFICERS.

### *Moderator.*

REV. WOLCOTT B. WILLIAMS, of Charlotte.

### *Assistant Moderator.*

REV. WM. W. LYLE, of Bay City.

### *Secretary.*

REV. JOHN P. SANDERSON, of Kalamazoo.

### *Scribe.*

REV. W. S. BUGBEY, of Middleville.

### *Assistant Scribe.*

REV. D. PAYSON BREED, of Eaton Rapids.

### COMMITTEES.

#### *Business.*

For one year—Rev. W. H. Ryder, Rev. H. H. Van Auken, Rev. E. B. Fairfield.

For two years—Rev. W. S. Bugbey, A. C. Dutton and Rev. A. Hastings Ross.

#### *Nominating Committee.*

Rev. Moses Smith, Rev. W. R. Seaver, Wm. Chamberlain.

#### *Narrative.*

Rev. John P. Sanderson, Rev. Elihu Loomis, Dea. Edwin Clark.

#### *Necrology.*

Rev. Levi F. Waldo, Rev. Henry Marsh, Dea. A. McKenzie.

#### *To Visit Olivet College.*

Rev. James L. Patton, Rev. Miner W. Fairfield, Dea. E. C. Leach.

#### *To Visit Oberlin Theological Seminary.*

Prof. Chas. K. Wead, Rev. T. P. Prudden, Rev. O. H. Spoor.

#### *On Sunday Schools.*

E. K. Warren, (Sec), Geo. W. Keyes, Rev. E. W. Miller.

#### *On Benevolences.*

A. B. C. F. M.—Rev. M. M. Martin.

American Missionary Association—Rev. Thomas Holmes

American Congregational Union—Rev. Richard Lewis.

Christian Education—Rev. R. W. Wallace.

American Bible Society—Rev. Geo. W. Bothwell.

New West Education Commission—Rev. H. H. Van Auken.

#### *Directors of Home Missions.*

REV. LEROY WARREN, Superintendent.

Cheboygan Conference—Rev. Page F. McClelland.

Chippewa and Mackinac Conference—Rev. Wm. G. Puddefoot.

Eastern Conference—Rev. A. Hastings Ross.

Genesee Conference—Rev. L. F. Bristol.

Grand River Conference—H. J. Hollister.

Grand Traverse Conference—Rev. J. D. Millard.

Jackson Conference—Rev. W. H. Ryder.

Kalamazoo Association—Rev. C. O. Brown.

Lake Superior Conference—Rev. R. M. Higgins.

Lansing Association—C. B. Stebbins.

Marshall Conference—Rev. D. Payson Breed.

Northern Central Conference—Rev. R. M. Keyes.

Southern Michigan Conference—Rev. T. J. Colton.

Western Conference—Rev. Richard Lewis.

Members at Large—H. O. Hitchcock, M. D.,  
Dea L. W. Case, Dea. Ed. Cook, Dea. David Bemis.

## VI

*Home Missionary Executive Committee.*

Dea. H. E. Baker,	}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Term of office expires in 1884.
Rev. T P. Prudden.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Rev. W. B. Williams,		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" " " 1885.
C. A. Gower.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Arthur O. Bement,	}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	" " " 1886.
E. F. Grabill.		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

### *Home Missionary Committees in Local Conferences.*

*Cheboygan.*

Rev. Page F. McClelland, Rev. T. Arthur Porter, Rev. Abram Van Auker.

*Chippewa and Mackinac.*

Rev. E. S. Curry,                  Rev. I. G. Gordon,                  Rev. Robt. Montgomery.  
Mrs. Dennis.

*Eastern.*

Rev. A. Hastings Ross,      Dea. Frank D. Taylor,      Rev. Edward P. Stone.

Genesee.

Rev. F. L. Bristol,      Rev. Fayette Hurd,      Rev. W. W. Lyle.

*Grand River.*

Rev J. Morgan Smith, Rev. Ben. F. Sargent, H. J. Hollister.

*Grand Traverse.*

Rev. A. L. Gridley,      Rev. J. D. Millard,      Dea. L. W. Case.

*Jackson.*

Rev. W. H. Ryder,      Rev. J. W. Hough,      Rev. Thomas Holmes.

*Kalamazoo.*

Rev. E. Andrus,                      Rev. C. O. Brown,                      Rev. L. P. Spelman.

*Lansing.*

Rev. J. L. Patton,                      Rev. A. G. Hibbard,                      Dea. C. J. Warren.

*Marshall.*

Rev. D. Payson Breed,      Rev. H. R. Williams,      Rev. J. D. Daniels.

*Northern Central.*

Rev. E. B. Fairfield,      Rev. J. A. Barnes,      Rev. Wm. McCracken.

*Southern Michigan.*

Rev. E. T. Branch,                      Rev. J. Van Antwerp,                      Rev. T. G. Colton.

*Western.*

Rev. A. S. Kedzie,      Rev. Richard Lewis,      Rev. M. W. Fairfield.

NEXT MEETING.

The next Meeting will be held at Port Huron on the third Wednesday in May, 1884, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

N. B.—A copy of all records of Councils are by vote of the General Association, requested to be forwarded to the Secretary for preservation.

## Our System of Benevolences.

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1. THE CONGREGATIONAL PUBLISHING SOCIETY—January and February.  
M. C. HAZARD, Western S. S. Secretary, Chicago, Ill.
2. THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION—March and April.  
H. O. PINNEO, Treasurer, 58 Bible House, New York City.
3. MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL MINISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY—May.  
REV. W. B. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer, Charlotte, Mich.
4. AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY—June.  
REV. A. H. CLAPP, D. D., Treasurer, 34 Bible House, New York City.
5. THE WESTERN EDUCATION SOCIETY—July and August.  
LYMAN BAIRD, Esq., Treasurer, Chicago, Ill.
6. THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION—September.  
H. W. HUBBARD, Treasurer, 56 Reade Street, New York City.
7. THE AMERICAN BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS—October.  
LANGDON S. WARD, Treasurer, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.
8. NEW WEST EDUCATION COMMISSION—November.  
WILLIAM H. HUBBARD, Treasurer, 387 LaSalle Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
9. AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—December.  
BIBLE HOUSE, New York City.

# Past Officers of the Association.

PLACE.	MODERATOR.	SCRIBE.
1842 At Jackson.	Rev. M. Harrison.	Rev. H. S. Hamilton.
1843 " Grass Lake.	" O. C. Thompson.	" Luther Shaw.
1844 " Marshall.	" S. Cochrane.	" Harvey Hyde.
1845 " Detroit.	" Harvey Hyde.	" H. L. Hammond.
1846 " Dexter.	" H. L. Hammond.	" G. L. Foster.
1847 " Jackson.	" G. L. Foster.	" C. Lockwood.
1848 " Ann Arbor.	" L. Smith Hobart.	" Harvey Hyde.
1849 " Dexter.	" C. Lockwood.	" H. D. Kitchel.
1850 " Kalamazoo.	" H. D. Kitchel.	" D. M. Bardwell.
1851 " Clinton.	" A. S. Kedzie.	" E. N. Bartlett.
1852 " Jackson.	" P. R. Hurd.	" L. Smith Hobart.
1853 " Ann Arbor.	" J. H. Benton.	" H. L. Hammond.
1854 " Detroit.	" J. D. Pierce.	" G. M. Tuthill.
1855 " Kalamazoo.	" Thomas Jones.	" Hiram Elmer.
1856 " Jackson.	" Hiram Elmer.	" P. R. Hurd.
1857 " Owosso.	" Edward Taylor.	Dea. Dexter Mussey.
1858 " Adrian.	" Joseph Anderson.	Mr. Henry Clubb.
1859 " Detroit.	" Asa Mahan.	Rev. P. R. Hurd.
1860 " Port Huron.	" S. S. N. Greeley.	" P. R. Hurd.
1861 " Ann Arbor.	" H. A. Reed.	" Hiram Elmer.
1862 " Grand Rapids.	" G. M. Tuthill.	" Henry Bates.
1863 " Union City.	" John Patchin.	" Samuel Sessions.
1864 " Detroit.	" James S. Hoyt.	" L. F. Waldo.
1865 " Battle Creek.	" S. W. Streeter.	" L. F. Waldo.
1866 " Jackson.	" Henry Bates.	" W. B. Williams.
1867 " Kalamazoo.	" Wm. P. Russell.	" W. B. Williams.
1868 " Port Huron.	" N. J. Morrison.	" Elizur Andrus.
1869 " East Saginaw.	" Oliver S. Dean.	" F. P. Woodbury.
1870 " Grand Rapids.	" J. G. W. Cowles.	" Orange H. Spoor.
1871 " Romeo.	" William Platt.	" Warren F. Day.
1872 " Hudson.	" Jesse W. Hough.	" E. G. Chaddock.
1873 " Lansing.	" Orange H. Spoor.	" J. Wing Allen.
1874 " Adrian.	" Henry L. Hubbell.	" B. D. Conkling.
1875 " Kalamazoo.	" W. D. Love.	" J. Homer Parker.
1876 " Pontiac.	" Warren F. Day.	" James L. Patton.
1877 " Ann Arbor.	Hon. J. Webster Childs.	Hon. G. K. Newcombe.
1878 " East Saginaw.	Rev. J. Morgan Smith.	Rev. C. O. Brown.
1879 " Grand Rapids.	" A. Hastings Ross.	" Lucius O. Lee.
1880 " Detroit.	" Miner W. Fairfield.	Mr. E. F. Grabill.
1881 " Charlotte.	Hon. Wm. Chamberlain.	Dea. Amos Dresser, Junr.
1882 " Greenville.	Rev. Moses Smith.	Rev. J. P. Sanderson.
1883 " Manistee.	" Wolcott B. Williams.	" W. S. Bugbey.

## SECRETARIES.

Rev. L. Smith Hobart.....	1842-1847
Rev. H. L. Hammond.....	1847-1848
Rev. S. L. Foster.....	1848-1851
Rev. H. D. Kitchel.....	1851-1854
Rev. L. Smith Hobart.....	1854-1862
Rev. Philo R. Hurd.....	1862-1883
Rev. John P. Sanderson.....	1883



# MINUTES.

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THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION of the Congregational Churches of Michigan held its forty-second Annual Meeting with the Church in the city of Manistee, beginning May 16, 1883, at 7½ o'clock p. m. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Theodore P. Prudden, of Lansing, from Luke 17: 20-21; "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; Neither shall they say, Lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

At the close of the sermon, the Association, in the absence of the retiring Moderator, was called to order by the Pastor of the Church, Rev. E. B. Fairfield. Rev. Wolcott B. Williams was elected Moderator; Rev. William W. Lyle, Assistant Moderator; Rev. W. S. Bugbey, Scribe, and Rev. D. Payson Breed, Assistant Scribe. The Moderator took the chair and led in prayer. After the appointment of Rev. I. W. McKeever to conduct the devotional exercises at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, the Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. S. Palmer, to 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

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## Second Day—Thursday Morning.

The Association met according to adjournment. At 8:30 o'clock the Moderator took the chair, and prayer was offered by Rev. N. D. Glidden.

## MEMBERS.

The roll of members was read by the Secretary, which when completed was as follows:

## CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE—

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	DELEGATES.
Banks.....	Rev. James Davies.....	Dea. W. C. Byers.
Kalkaska.....	Rev. T. Arthur Porter.....	
Mancelona .....	Rev. Seward S. Palmer.....	J. B. Willitts.
Northport.....	Rev. Page F. McClelland....	Dea. Wm. Thomas.
	Rev. Charles H. Beale.	

## CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE—

Naubinway .....	Rev. Isaac G. Gordon.....	
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## EASTERN CONFERENCE—

Detroit 1st.....		Dea. H. E. Baker.
Detroit 2nd.....	Rev. Moses Smith.....	
Detroit, Trumb'll ave	Rev. Robt. W. Wallace.....	
Oakwood .....	Rev. Elihu Loomis .....	
Port Huron .....	Rev. A. Hastings Ross .....	
Utica.....	Rev. Malan H. Wright.....	
	Rev. Philo R. Hurd, Rev. David C. McNair, Rev. N. Dimic Glidden.	

## GENESEE CONFERENCE—

Bay City.....	Rev. William W. Lyle.....	Dea. T. F. Langstaff
Bridgeport .....	Rev. Walter D. King.....	
East Saginaw .....		Dea. Wm. Hamilton.
East Tawas.....	Rev. Alfred T. Waterman.....	
Essexville.....	Rev. John B. Dawson.....	
Flint.....		Henry R. Lovell.
Grand Blanc.....	Rev. Fayette Hurd.....	
Ithaca .....	Rev. Frank L. Bristol.....	Mrs. F. L. Bristol.
Laingsburg .....		Isaac T. Hollister.
St. Louis.....	Rev. William C. Calland.....	
Vienna, Clio P. O....	Rev. Richard M. Burgess...	A. F. Nichols.

## GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE—

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	DELEGATES.
Ada 1st.....	Rev. Thomas Parker.....	
Allendale.....		Dea. Robert Pritchard.
Grand Rapids, 1st...	Rev. J. Morgan Smith.....	Harvey J. Hollister.
Grand Rapids, South	Rev. Ben F. Sargent.....	
Middleville.....	Rev. W. S. Bugbey.....	
	Rev. Levi F. Waldo, Rev. Wm. G. Puddefoot.	

## GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE—

Benzonia .....	Rev. Albert L. Gridley.....	Dea. L. W. Case.
Cleon & Marilla .....		H. A. Canniff.
Frankfort.....	Rev. Robert Adams.....	J. D. Voorhies.
Pleasanton.....	Rev. Joseph D. Millard.....	Mrs. J. D. Millard.
Sherman.....	Rev. Richard Redeoff.....	
Solon .....	Rev. George Benford.....	
Traverse City.....	Rev. Wm. R. Seaver.....	
	Rev. Chas. E. Bailey.	

## JACKSON CONFERENCE—

Ann Arbor.....	Rev. Wm. H. Ryder.....	Prof. Chas. K. Wead.
Chelsea .....	Rev. Thomas Holmes.....	
Pinckney.....	Rev. Kendrick H. Crane.....	
Summit .....		Mrs. L. A. Tousey.
Union City.....	Rev. Helmas H. VanAuken..	Horace A. Corbin.....
Webster.....	Rev. Otis B. Waters.....	

## KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION—

Allegan .....	Rev. Isaac W. McKeever.....	
Bangor.....	Rev. Albert B. Cochran.....	
Covert .....		Dea. A. S. Packard.
Galesburg.....	Rev. Edward C. Winslow...	Mrs. E. C. Winslow.
Hopkins, 1st.....	Rev. Henry H. Smith.....	
Kalamazoo, 1st.....	Rev. Chas. O. Brown.....	M. B. Miller.
Kal'm'zoo, Plymouth.	Rev. John P. Sanderson....	H. O. Hitchcock.
Three Oaks.....	Rev. Moses M. Martin.....	Wm. Chamberlain.
	Rev. Thomas G. Baxter, Rev. Ozro N. Hunt, Rev. Chauncey F. Van-Auken.	

## LANSING ASSOCIATION—

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	DELEGATES.
Edmore.....	Rev. Henry Marsh.....	
Grand Ledge.....	Rev. Drummond McCunn.....	
Greenville .....	Rev. James L. Patton.....	
Hubbardston .....		Geo. A. Chatterton.
Lansing.....	Rev. Theodore P. Prudden..	C. B. Stebbins.
Portland .....	Rev. Geo. W. Bothwell.....	S. H. R. Pilkinton.
Stanton .....	Rev. Augustine G. Hibbard.....	
	Rev. Leroy Warren.	

## MARSHALL CONFERENCE—

Charlotte .....	Rev. Orange H. Spoor.....	Dea. H. S. Arnold.
Eaton Rapids.....	Rev. D. Payson Breed.....	Dea. Allan C. Dutton.
Olivet.....	Rev. Horatio Q. Butterfield.	Geo. W. Keyes.
	Rev. Wolcott B. Williams.	

## NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE—

Big Rapids.....	Rev. William McCracken.....	
Chase .....	Rev. John Morley.....	Mrs. John Morley.
Clare.....		E. D. Wheaton.
Custer .....	Rev. Alexander Falconer.....	
East Lake.....	Rev. Wm T. Beale.....	
Farwell.....	Rev. Matthew S. Gray.....	Geo. L. Hitchcock.
Hersey .....	Rev. Joseph A. Barnes.....	Dea. Augustus Root.
Ludington .....	Rev. Russell M. Keyes.....	Mrs Dora V. Ward.
Manistee.....	Rev. Edmund B. Fairfield..	Dea. David Bemis.
Maxwell.....	Rev. Wm. E. Sillence .....	Mrs. Augusta Johnson.

## SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—

Clinton.....	Rev. Elisha W. Miller.....	
Franklin .....		Dea. Edwin Cook.
Hudson .....	Rev. Theron G. Colton.....	Dea. Chas. B. Stowell.
North Adams .....		Rev. J. V. Hickmott.
Wheatland.....		Chas. Fuller.

## WESTERN CONFERENCE—

Croton .....	Rev. Leander Curtiss.....	Mrs A. E. Curtiss.
Grand Haven.....		Dea. A. McKenzie.

WESTERN CONFERENCE—(*Continued*)—

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	DELEGATES.
Hart .....	Rev. Rufus W. Fletcher .....	
Muskegon.....	Rev. Miner W. Fairfield .....	
Olive & Robinson...	Rev. Clarence Finster.....	
Shelby .....		Mrs. S. P. Waldo.
White Cloud.....	Rev. John Jefferies.....	W. F. Latham.
Whitehall .....	Rev. Richard Lewis .....	Byron Hammond.
	Rev. Adam S. Kedzie.	
Ministers .....		78
Delegates .....		46
Total enrollment.....		124

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

Rev. J. B. Clark, Sec. of the A. H. M. S., New York City.  
 Rev. L. H. Cobb, Sec. of the Am. Cong'l Union, New York City.  
 Rev. S. O. Gilbert, of the *Congregationalist*, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. S. L. Haight, of the Mich. Conf., M. E. Church.  
 M. C. Hazard, Western Sunday School Secretary, Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. S. N. Hill, of the Synod of Michigan.  
 Rev. H. L. Howard, of the Kansas General Association.  
 Rev. S. J. Humphrey, Dist. Sec. of A. B. C. F. M., Chicago, Ill.  
 Rev. Geo. P. Kimball, of the Ohio General Association.  
 Rev. Franklin Noble, of the Presbytery of Nassau, N. Y.  
 Rev. Arthur B. Penniman—Unassociated.  
 Rev. G. D. Pike, Sec. of A. M. A., New York City.  
 Rev. J. Snashall, of the Baptist State Convention, of Michigan.  
 Rev. G. F. Wright, of Oberlin Theological Seminary.

*Order of Business.*

The Business Committee recommended that the printed program be the order of the day, and their recommendation was adopted.

*Election of Nominating Committee.*

Rev. Moses Smith, Rev. Wm. R. Seaver and Wm. Chamberlain were elected as Nominating Committee.

*State of the Churches.*

The Report on the State of the Churches was read by the Secretary, approved, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. [See *Appendix B.*]

*Necrology.*

Rev. W. B. Williams, of the Committee on Necrology, presented a report which was recommitted for revision, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes as revised. [See *Appendix C.*]

*Devotional Exercises.*

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises, beginning at 10 o'clock, and led by Rev. I. W. McKeever.

*Christian Education.*

Rev. Chas. O. Brown addressed the Association upon the subject of Christian Education.

*Chicago Theological Seminary.*

Rev. A. S. Kedzie and Rev. S. O. Gilbert addressed the Association in behalf of Chicago Theological Seminary.

*Ministerial Supply.*

Rev. J. Morgan Smith read a paper on The Supply for the Ministry.

The following Memorial, from the Eastern Conference, touching the subject of Ministerial Supply, was presented by the Business Committee.

*In behalf of the Eastern Conference of Congregational Churches in Michigan, To the General Association of Congregational Churches in Michigan.—GREETING.*

*Dear Brethren:—*At the late Annual Meeting of the Eastern Con-

ference of Congregational Churches in Michigan, held at New Haven May 1-3, the Rev. Leroy Warren, Superintendent of Home Missions for this State, presented a paper upon the subject of ministers for our rapidly multiplying Churches, which so fully commended itself to the members of the Conference that the undersigned were appointed a committee to memorialize the General Association at this its 42nd Annual Meeting, and request of you a hearing of that paper and a consideration of this subject, which is now pressing itself so seriously upon the churches, not only of Michigan, but of the whole country. All of which is respectfully submitted.

MOSES SMITH,  
A. HASTINGS ROSS,  
ROBERT PARSONS,  
*Com. of Eastern Conference.*

DETROIT, MAY 11, 1883.

The Memorial was received and the request granted. Rev. Leroy Warren then addressed the Association on the subject of Ministerial Supply.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Dea. M. B. Miller, until 1:30 P. M.

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### Thursday Afternoon.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. E. Loomis.

#### *Ministerial Relief Association.*

Rev. W. B. Williams presented Articles of Incorporation of the Michigan Congregational Ministerial Relief Association. It was voted that the incorporators named in the Articles of Incorporation be requested to perfect the incorporation of the proposed Relief Association, and that the churches be recommended to place it upon the list of their annual benevolences. [*See Appendix D.*] Rev. W. B. Williams, Treasurer of the funds for the aid of Disabled

Ministers and the families of Deceased Ministers presented his report and it was referred to the Finance Committee, which subsequently reported the account correct and their report was adopted.

### *Temperance.*

Rev. D. Payson Breed, in behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Association, to present to the Legislature a resolution on Temperance, adopted by this Association, reported the performance of that duty. The report was adopted.

### *Home Missions.*

Rev. Leroy Warren presented the report of the State Executive Committee on Home Missions. [*See Appendix, Home Missions in Michigan.*]

### *Directors of Home Missions.*

The Nominating Committee reported the following as the State Board of Directors for Home Missions and their report was adopted.

Rev. Leroy Warren, Superintendent.

Cheboygan Conference—Page F. McClelland.  
 Chippewa and Mackinac Conference—Rev Wm. G. Puddefoot.  
 Eastern Conference—Rev. A. Hastings Ross.  
 Genesee Conference—Rev F. L. Bristol.  
 Grand River Conference—H. J. Hollister.  
 Grand Traverse Conference—Rev. J. D. Millard.  
 Jackson Conference—Rev. W. H. Ryder.  
 Kalamazoo Association—Rev C. O. Brown.  
 Lake Superior Conference—Rev. R. M. Higgins.  
 Lansing Association—C. B. Stebbins.  
 Marshall Conference—Rev. D. Payson Breed.  
 Northern Central Conference—Rev. R. M. Keyes.  
 Southern Michigan—Rev. T. J. Colton.  
 Western Conference—Rev. Richard Lewis.



Members at large—H. O. Hitchcock, M. D., Dea. L. W. Case, Dea. Edwin Cook, Dea. David Bemis.

*Congregational Union.*

Rev. Page F. McClelland submitted the report of the Committee on the Congregational Union. The Association was addressed by Rev. L. H. Cobb, D. D. of New York City, Secretary of the American Congregational Union in behalf of the work of that Society.

*Fraternal Greetings.*

The fraternal greetings of the Synod of Michigan were presented by Rev. S. N. Hill, of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. G. L. Haight, and of the Baptist State Convention by Rev. J. A. Snashall.

*Right of an Excluded Church or Minister  
to a Mutual Council.*

Rev. A. Hastings Ross presented the following Preamble and Resolution respecting the right of an excluded church or minister to a mutual council, which were adopted.

WHEREAS, The membership of this body by its Constitution consists of churches and of ministers, "in regular standing in any local Conference or Association in this State, which assents to the Constitution of this General Association," and,

WHEREAS, It may occur that a church or minister, or both, may be unjustly excluded or expelled from said local Conference or Association, and so be deprived of fellowship in it, and in this General Association; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the General Association of Michigan deem it to be both orderly and expedient for a church or minister, that may be excluded or expelled from membership in any Association or Conference in connection, on grounds or charges claimed to be insufficient or false, to call the attention of the body doing the alleged wrong to the points of grievance, and to invite it to join in calling a mutual council to re-

view the case and advise in the matter, and on its refusal or neglect to do so, to call an ex-parte counsel for the same purposes.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Henry Marsh.

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### Thursday Evening.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. Payson Breed.

#### *New West Education Commission.*

Rev. J. L. Patton submitted the report of the Committee on the New West Education Commission.

Rev. S. O. Gilbert, of Chicago, Illinois, Vice President of the Commission, addressed the Association.

#### *Home Missions.*

The claims of the American Home Missionary Society were presented by Rev. Leroy Warren, Superintendent of Home Missions in Michigan, Rev. J. B. Clark, Secretary of American Home Missionary Society, and Rev. W. G. Puddefoot.

#### *Disabled Ministers.*

A collection of \$68.64 was taken in behalf of Disabled Ministers.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. Ryder, to 8½ o'clock Friday morning.

### Third Day—Friday Morning.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Barnes. The minutes of previous sessions were read and approved.

#### *Manual.*

The Committee on Preparation of a Manual reported a manual by titles, which was first commended to the churches for revision, but finally on reconsideration, the following resolution was adopted.

We have listened with deep interest to the outline of a Manual of Congregationalism, as reported by the Committee, and we recommend the author, Rev. A. H. Ross, to secure the publication of this manual at his earliest convenience, for the information and aid of Congregational churches, not only in our own State, but throughout the country.

It was also voted that after revision by the author, the paper be published in the minutes. [*See Appendix E.*]

#### *Oberlin Theological Seminary.*

Rev. E. B. Fairfield read the report of Rev. Zachary Eddy, of the Committee on Oberlin Theological Seminary.

Rev. G. F. Wright, of Oberlin Seminary, addressed the Association in behalf of that institution.

#### *Devotional Exercises.*

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises, beginning at 10 o'clock and led by H. J. Hollister.

#### *Memorial from Kalamazoo Association.*

The following Memorial from the Kalamazoo Association was referred to a special Committee:

*To the General Association of Michigan:—*At a meeting of the

Kalamazoo Association held at Benton Harbor, April 3rd, 4th and 5th, a committee was appointed to present to your honorable body the following recommendations:

1st. That we take up this work in the State in co-operation with the Congregational Publication Society.

2nd. That we appoint a Sunday School Board of one member from each local Conference or Association to be nominated by these Conferences or Associations respectively.

3rd. That we appoint a State Secretary who shall give his whole time to the work and whose salary and expenses shall be paid from collections taken from churches and schools.

4th. That we ask an annual collection from each Congregational Church and Sunday School within the bounds of the State to aid in carrying forward this work. We believe that in this way our Sunday School forces will be more thoroughly organized and prepared for effective work; Congregational Sunday Schools will be established and proper aid given where it is needed; Bibles, tracts, and publications of the Congregational Publishing Society may be distributed by sale or gift and so our whole denominational work will receive an inspiration and impulse that will tend greatly toward development and growth.

I. W. McKEEVER.

*Chairman of Committee.*

### *Place of Next Meeting.*

Port Huron was selected as the place of holding the next annual meeting of the Association.

### *Appointment of Committees.*

The Nominating Committee reported the following committees, and their report was adopted.

#### *On Benevolences—*

A. B. C. F. M.—Rev. M. M. Martin.

American Missionary Association—Rev. Thomas Holmes.

Christian Education—Rev. R. W. Wallace.

American Bible Society—Rev. Geo. W. Bothwell.

New West Education Commission—Rev. H. H. Van Auken.

American Congregational Union—Rev. Richard Lewis.

*To Visit Olivet College—*

Rev. J. L. Patton, Rev. M. W. Fairfield and Dea. E. C. Leach.

*To Visit Oberlin Seminary—*Prof. Chas. K. Wead, Rev T. P. Prudden and Rev. O. H. Spoor.

*On State of the Churches—*Rev. J. P. Sanderson, Rev. Elihu Loomis and Dea. Edwin Clark.

*On Finance—*Rev O. H. Spoor, Geo. E. Chatterton and Henry R. Lovell.

*On Necrology—*Rev. L. F. Waldo, Rev. Henry Marsh and Dea. A. McKenzie.

*On Religious Exercises—*Rev. E. B. Fairfield, Rev. W. E. Silence and Dea. David Bemis.

*Special Committee on Benevolences—*Rev. W. C. Calland, and Dea. Wm. Hamilton.

*On Memorial of Kalamazoo Association—*Rev. W. H. Ryder, Rev. T. P. Prudden and M. B. Miller.

*Preacher for Next Year.*

The Business Committee nominated as Preacher for next year Rev. Franklin Noble as Primary and Rev. E. W. Miller as Alternate, and their nomination was approved.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. N. D. Glidden, until 1:30 P. M.

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**Friday Afternoon.**

The Association met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by Rev. R. M. Burgess.

*Delegates to the National Council.*

The following persons were chosen delegates to the National Council:

Rev. A. Hastings Ross, Principal; Rev. Leroy Warren, Alternate.

Wm. Chamberlain, Principal; H. O. Hitchcock, Alternate.

Byron M. Cutcheon, Principal; Rev. P. R. Hurd, Alternate.

*Executive Committee on Home Missions.*

Arthur O. Bement and E. F. Grabill were elected members of the Home Missionary Executive Committee.

*Sunday Appointments.*

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported the following appointments for Sunday services and their report was adopted:

To preach in the Congregational Church—In the morning, Rev. W. H. Ryder; in the evening, Rev. Moses Smith and Mrs. Norton.

In the M. E. Church—In the morning Rev. J. L. Patton; in the evening, Rev. W. R. Seaver.

In the Baptist Church—In the morning, Rev. A. Hastings Ross; in the evening, Rev. W. C. Calland.

*For the Communion Service*—To preside at the table, Rev. Thomas Holmes and Rev. W. B. Williams; to serve at the table, Deas. H. E. Baker, L. W. Case, Dr. Ellis and B. M. Cutcheon.

*American Bible Society.*

Rev. T. G. Colton addressed the Association in the interest of the American Bible Society.

*Treasurer's Report.*

The Treasurer made his report which was referred to the Finance Committee. This Committee subsequently reported that they had examined the Treasurer's account and vouchers and found them correct, and their report was adopted. The Treasurer was instructed to draw from the general fund the sum of \$10.00 to meet all arrears due the National Council. [*See Appendix A*].

*Business Committee.*

The Nominating Committee reported the names of Rev. W. S. Bugbey, A. C. Dutton, and Rev. A. H. Ross as members of the Business Committee for two years and their report was adopted.

*Summer Resort.*

Mr. A. B. Carrier addressed the Association in reference to a Congregational Summer Resort in Northern Michigan. The subject was referred to a special committee consisting of Rev. J. Morgan Smith, Rev. Isaac G. Gordon and Wm. Chamberlain.

*Election of a Secretary.*

Rev. John P. Sanderson was elected Secretary and Treasurer for the next three years.

*Resolution of Thanks to Retiring Secretary.*

Mr. H. J. Hollister offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. Hurd has for twenty-one years served this the Congregational body of churches of the State of Michigan as its Secretary and Treasurer to the great satisfaction of this body, therefore

*Resolved*, That the earnest thanks of this Association are tendered to him on this the day of his freedom, for the great service ren-

dered by him to this body and to the general interest of our denomination in the State.

*American Missionary Association.*

On the recommendation of the Business Committee the New Constitution of the American Missionary Association was referred to a committee of three.

*Sunday School Work.*

Rev. Chas. O. Brown, State Sunday School Secretary, presented the report of the Sunday School Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. M. C. Hazard, of Chicago, Ill., Western Sunday School Secretary addressed the Association. The Committee to whom was referred the Memorial of the Kalamazoo Association reported, that in their judgment the time had not yet come to carry into execution the recommendation of the Memorial to employ a salaried Secretary for the Sunday School Work. The report was adopted and it was voted that the plan of last year be continued. A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. C. O. Brown and E. K. Warren for the time and means devoted by them during the year. The Nominating Committee reported the following persons as Sunday School Committee for the ensuing year:

Rev. C. O. Brown, Secretary, E. K. Warren and Geo. W. Keyes.

Rev. C. O. Brown subsequently tendered his resignation which was accepted and upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the Committee was made to consist of the following persons:

E. K. Warren, Secretary, Geo. W. Keyes and Rev. E. W. Miller.

*Olivet College.*

Rev. I. W. McKeever, from the Committee to visit Olivet College made a report which was accepted.



Rev. H. Q. Butterfield, President of Olivet College addressed the Association in behalf of that Institution.

The following resolution with reference to a State Denominational Paper was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed by this Association to take under consideration the question of such a denominational paper for our own State as shall bring our churches into closer fellowship in Christian interest, and that such committee submit a report at the next meeting of this body.

The Nominating Committee reported as such Committee Rev. R. W. Wallace, Rev. D. P. Breed and Rev. John P. Sanderson, and their report was adopted.

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## Friday Evening.

The Association met according to adjournment, and was opened with reading of Scripture by the Moderator and prayer by Rev. W. C. Calland.

### *Home Missions.*

Rev. D. P. Breed, Secretary of the Home Missionary Board of Directors made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

For all our Home Missionary purposes, in order to carry on our work in its present condition, \$29,950 are needed. Of this amount the American Home Missionary Society has generously apportioned to our State \$15,000, leaving a balance of \$14,950, which must be raised within our bounds, or the work already in hand must suffer. It is therefore recommended that we undertake to raise an amount equal to one dollar per resident member.

It is recommended that the following sums of Home Missionary money be apportioned to the several Conferences respectively:

Cheboygan Conference.....	\$4,000 00
Chippewa and Mackinac Conference.....	2,600 00
Eastern Conference.....	975 00
Genesee Conference.....	2,720 50
Grand River Conference.....	1,800 00
Grand Traverse Conference.....	2,225 00
Jackson Conference.....	400 00
Kalamazoo Association.....	2,825 00
Lansing Association.....	2,725 00
Marshall Conference.....	1,500 00
Northern Central Conference.....	2,175 00
Southern Michigan Conference.....	500 00
Western Conference.....	2,350 00

*American Missionary Association.*

Rev. K. H. Crane presented the report of the Committee upon the work of the American Missionary Association, which was accepted.

Rev. G. D. Pike, of New York City, District Secretary of the American Missionary Association, addressed the Association in the interest of that Society.

*Foreign Missions.*

Rev. W. R. Seaver presented the report of the Committee on the A. B. C. F. M., which was accepted.

Rev. S. J. Humphrey, of Chicago, Illinois, District Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M., addressed the Association in the interest of the American Board of Foreign Missions.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. G. Colton, to meet at 8:30 A. M. Saturday morning.

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**Fourth Day—Saturday Morning.**

The Association met according to adjournment, and was

opened with prayer by Rev. J. B. Dawson. The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

*A. M. A. Constitution.*

The Nominating Committee reported the following Committee on the New Constitution of the American Missionary Association, and their report was adopted: Rev. T. G. Colton, Rev. W. W. Lyle and Chas. Fuller. This Committee subsequently reported in favor of approving the proposed Constitution, and their report was adopted.

*Published Minutes of the Association.*

Rev. A. Hastings Ross read a paper on The Published Minutes of the General Association, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. W. H. Ryder, Rev. O. H. Spoor and C. B. Stowell. This committee subsequently made the following report:

Your Committee recommend the adoption of recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the paper on the Published Minutes of the General Association, as follows:

1st.—That all tables and lists be arranged in alphabetical order.

2nd.—That the title of the "Narrative of the State of Religion" be changed hereafter to "Report on the State of the Churches."

3rd.—That with these changes the Minutes be published as heretofore.

4th.—That the present method of taxation and distribution be continued.

Your Committee further recommend:

5th.—That the Secretary be instructed to abbreviate the Minutes of the Association as approved by the body, and prepare them for publication.

6th.—That the Secretary be authorized to print in the Minutes fuller statistics of the Sunday Schools, if in his judgment this is desirable.

7th.—That a book of records be provided for the Scribes of the Association, and that the full journal, as affirmed by the Association, be engrossed therein.

It was ordered that the paper on the Published Minutes of the General Association, after revision by the author, be printed in the Minutes. [*See Appendix E.*]

### *The Tax.*

The Treasurer recommended that the tax for the coming year be five hundred dollars, and it was so ordered. The Finance Committee reported the apportionment at three and a half cents per resident member to be apportioned among the Conferences and Associations as follows:

Cheboygan Conference.....	\$ 9.73
Chippewa & Mackinac Conference.....	4.06
Eastern Conference.....	93.24
Genesee Conference.....	66.99
Grand River Conference.....	49.84
Grand Traverse Conference.....	17.01
Jackson Conference.....	54.14
Kalamazoo Association.....	61.95
Lake Superior Conference.....	8.96
Lansing Association.....	33.35
Marshall Conference.....	42.66
Northern Central Conference.....	18.02
Southern Michigan Conference.....	30.59
Western Conference.....	17.32
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	\$507.86

### *Mission of the Holy Spirit.*

Rev. M. M. Martin read a paper on the Mission of the Holy Spirit.

### *Devotional Exercises.*

A half-hour was spent in devotional exercises led by Rev. E. C. Winslow.

### *Temperance.*

Rev. J. L. Patton read a paper on The Proper Attitude and

Line of Action for our Ministers and Churches towards the Temperance Reform.

*Benevolences.*

The Special Committee on Benevolences reported on the arrangement of benevolences for the coming year. [*See Page VII.*]

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. Thomas Parker to meet at 1:30 P. M.

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**Saturday Afternoon.**

The Association met according to adjournment and was opened with prayer by Rev. B. F. Sargent.

*Children's Day.*

It was resolved—That we recommend to our Churches the observance of the second Sunday in June in each year as Children's Day, to be set apart to the consideration of the interests of our Sunday Schools.

*State Evangelist.*

Rev. N. D. Glidden Special Committee on State Evangelist made a report embodying the following recommendations:

1st. That this General Association urges upon each local Association and Conference of Churches the importance of organizing at its next meeting a settled policy of aggressive Evangelistic Missionary work within its own bounds.

2nd. That the State Board of Directors of Home Missions be recommended to employ a State Evangelist to labor as a Missionary Evangelist in the Missionary Churches and communities only, provided a suitable man can be secured for the position.

The report was received and the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we approve the recommendations of the committee, and request the Executive Committee of Home Missions as a Special Committee to carry them out in such way as their wisdom and ability may suggest.

*Address of President Butterfield.*

Rev. H. Q. Butterfield addressed the Association on "The Main Motives to be urged upon Men to accept Salvation through Christ."

*Temperance.*

Rev. D. P. Breed presented the following resolutions on Temperance, which were adopted:

*Resolved*,—First, that we recognize the work of temperance reform as one of the most important and pressing moral questions of the present day. We find two things essential to be done, first to reform the user of intoxicants, and second to repress and as soon as possible to prevent the traffic in intoxicants. We believe that the line of action for our Churches and ministers is to secure these ends by the constant use of Christian, social and legal influences with the individual, and to seek the enactment and enforcement of any practicable laws for the restriction and final prohibition of the manufacture and sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors for use as beverages. And we urge the duty on our Churches and Sunday Schools to use their utmost and constant efforts to educate young and old to a proper appreciation of their duties in regard to this great question.

*Resolved*,—Second, that we heartily rejoice over the recent action of the Legislature and Governor of our State in making instruction in the physical effects of alcohol upon the brain, nerves and tissues of the human body compulsory in all our public schools.

*Greetings from and to Y. M. C. A.*

The following telegram was received, bearing the greetings of the International Y. M. C. A., in session at Milwaukee:

*To the General Association of Congregational Churches of Michigan:*  
 —The twenty-fifth International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and British Provinces send Greeting—Colossians, 2: 2-3. "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father and of Christ. In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

CHAS. S. COLBY,  
*President.*

In obedience to the instructions of the Association the Moderator responded as follows:

*To International Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations:*—The 42nd Annual Meeting of the General Association of Congregational Churches send Greeting—Galatians, 6: 9-10. "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

W. B. WILLIAMS,  
*Moderator.*

The Minutes of the day were read and adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. R. Seaver, to 7:30 P. M.

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## Saturday Evening.

The Association met according to adjournment, and after devotional exercises listened to a scientific lecture, by Prof. G. F. Wright, of Oberlin, upon The Glacial Period in America, and its relations to the Antiquity of Man. The lecture was illustrated with maps and a collection of paliolithic implements. The Association adjourned with benediction until Sunday morning.

## Sunday.

The appointments made by the Association for Sunday were met as ordered.

At the close of the evening services the following resolution of thanks was read and adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That the General Association of Congregational Churches in Michigan is gratefully conscious of many benefits conferred upon it during its present session in Manistee, by its friends in this Congregational Society and city, by those who have been generously hospitable to its members; by the entertainment committee, by the choir, and by the railroads and steamboats granting greatly reduced fares hither. Our passage and our stay here have been very agreeable, and our meetings forwarded in every way. We pray the blessing of the Lord may remain upon all our friends who have thus, as we hope, been the means of assisting His cause."

Reply was made in behalf of the Church and people of Manistee, by Rev. E. B. Fairfield, Pastor of the Church. After receiving the benediction, the Association came to its final adjournment.

WOLCOTT B. WILLIAMS, *Moderator*,

WILLIAM W. LYLE, *Assistant Moderator*.

W. S. BUGBEY, *Scribe*,

D. PAYSON BREED, *Assistant Scribe*.



# APPENDIX.



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN,

*In account with P. R. HURD, Treasurer.*

CR.

1882.	May 18.	By cash on hand.....	\$ 353 78
1883.	May 18.	“ “ from Eastern Conference... ..	67 00
		“ “ “ Jackson Conference.....	41 00
		“ “ “ Marshall Conference.....	34 00
		“ “ “ Grand River Conference.....	41 00
		“ “ “ Genesee Conference.....	52 50
		“ “ “ So. Michigan Conference.....	24 50
		“ “ “ Kalamazoo Association.....	45 50
		“ “ “ Grand Traverse Conference.....	12 50
		“ “ “ Western Conference.....	12 00
		“ “ “ Northern Central Conference.....	12 00
		“ “ “ Cheboygan Conference.....	5 00
		“ “ “ Lansing Association.....	20 50
		“ “ “ Chippewa and Mackinac Conference	2 00
			\$723 28

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1882.	July 25.	To printing 1,500 copies of Minutes.....	\$ 223 50
		“ “ 1,100 “ Report of Com- mittee on Substitute for In- stallation.....	12 00
		“ postage on Minutes and for the year	41 75
		“ wrapping paper and twine.....	75
1883.	Feb. 26.	“ printing Schedules and Notices.....	3 50
	May 18.	“ stationery for the year.....	1 50
		“ Secretary's salary.....	100 00
			\$383 00

Balance in Treasury.....\$340 28

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL,

*In account with P. R. HURD, Treasurer.*

CR.

1882.	May	20.	By cash in hand as per report.....	\$ 98 95
	July		“ “ on arrears from Eastern Conference..	5 00
1883.	March		“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ ..	5 69
	May	18.	“ “ from Eastern Conference.....	31.50
			“ “ Jackson Conference.....	18 00
			“ “ Marshall Conference.....	15 50
			“ “ Grand River Conference.....	16 50
			“ “ Genesee Conference.....	21 75
			“ “ on arrears.....	1 03
			“ “ South Michigan Conference.....	10 50
			“ “ Kalamazoo Association.....	21 00
			“ “ “ on arrears.....	5 71
			“ “ Grand Traverse Conference.....	5 25
			“ “ on arrears.....	4 14
			“ “ Western Conference.....	6 00
			“ “ Northern Central Conference.....	6 25
			“ “ Cheboygan Conference.....	3 25
			“ “ Lake Superior Conference.....	3 00
			“ “ Lansing Association.....	11 00
			“ “ Chippewa & Mackinac Conference...	1 29
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				\$290 31

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1882.	July	13.	To Cash paid Treasurer, as per receipt.	\$103 95
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				Balance in Treasury.....
				186 46

**B.****REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE  
CHURCHES.**

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CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE, with the exception of the five churches which have failed to report, seems to have been in a very flourishing condition. Some of these churches have more than doubled their membership, and others have added largely to their material accommodations. Northport has built a parsonage and horse-sheds, for which nearly a thousand dollars have been raised; and for all that, its benevolences have been increased; thus illustrating the principle, that the more we do in the Lord's work, the more we are disposed to do, and the more we are able to do.

CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE has been increased by two churches during the year, and work has been begun looking to the organization of several others. The gospel has also been carried into many outlying stations, with a good degree of success. The great need of these churches is suitable houses of worship. This want is the source of much embarrassment and discouragement. And yet the Lord has helped the labors of his servants, and is giving them the promise of better things to come.

EASTERN CONFERENCE.—The churches of this Conference have been very generally supplied with pastors during the year, though quite a number of these pastors are as yet of but small experience in the work. With but a single exception, no marked religious interest has been enjoyed among them; and yet upon the whole, it has been a year of quiet advancement in all that pertains

to their progress and success. Our Lord's kingdom evidently has a warm place in the hearts of the people, as is evident from their willingness to contribute of their means and labor for its promotion. In one of these churches, the preaching of a short sermon to the children before the morning discourse has awakened a good deal of interest, and secured a large attendance of the children upon the services of the sanctuary.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.—The churches in this Conference gratefully mark, as compared with last year, a rising tide of religious interest. Revivals of greater or less extent have been enjoyed by eight of them, by which many have been added unto the Lord. The unprofitable practice of ministerial changes has been going on to an unusual degree. During the year, no less than twelve of these churches have either lost or exchanged pastors. Two church edifices have been completed, and another is expected to be dedicated next month. One ministerial member of the Conference Rev. Alonzo Sanderson, has died during the year; and our brother, Rev. John T. Husted has been called to part with the wife of his youth. Rev. William Mulder, a member of the Jackson Association, but living within the bounds of this body, has also gone to his reward. And now, just as this sketch is being written, the sad intelligence comes to us, that another member of this Conference, Rev. George M. Tuthill, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the Northwest, has fallen asleep at his home in Kalamazoo.

GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE though ranking among the largest in point of church organizations, contains an unusual number of weak and dependent churches having only three that exceed one hundred members, and ranging all the way down from forty or fifty to eight or nine. Some of these feeble churches have been doing exceedingly well, and deserve much commendation for their efficiency amid many outward discouragements. One of them has been favored with a good, religious quickening; there are others, however, which seem to be languishing, six of them not having had life enough to report their condition.

GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE is happy to be able to report a more prosperous condition of the churches than for many previous years. But while this is true of them generally, it is still to be noted that two of them, Brown and Whitewater have practically no existence; and one other, Joyfield, has dwindled down to about three members; but the ground is pretty well supplied by the Methodists. The rest are all regularly supplied with preaching.

JACKSON CONFERENCE has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity as compared with the previous year, with an encouraging gain in membership and benevolent contributions. The church in Dexter, which for years was practically dead, has returned to life, built and furnished and paid for a commodious house of worship at an expense of some \$3,000, and now has a pastor of its own. Jackson has been unusually prosperous, with a large accession of numbers, mostly from the Sunday Schools. It has increased its benevolences to the extent of \$500. Some of the other churches of the body are worthy of honorable mention.

KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.—There has been very little of what is known as revival interest in the churches of this Association, during the year and yet in nearly all of them there has been a steady, forward movement, with a good promise for the future. The increase in the membership has averaged two for each church. All of the churches have had preaching at least a part of the year, and all but five are now furnished with pastors; the frequent changes in the pastorate is noted as an embarrassment, thus giving the minister scarcely time to become acquainted with his people and their peculiar needs, before he is transferred to another field, with the same sad experience. Possibly the lamentable falling-off of the benevolences of these churches may largely be attributed to this cause.

LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.—In the absence of any report from this Conference, it is to be inferred from the statistics, that the past has been a prosperous year with the two large and influential churches composing it, inasmuch as the membership has been increased by fifty additions, and the benevolences by one hundred

and sixty-four dollars. These churches are evidently doing the Master's work most effectually, in the isolated region in which they are placed.

LANSING ASSOCIATION.—The reports from most of the churches of this Association are quite favorable. No remarkable revivals have occurred, and yet many of the churches have been spiritually quickened. The larger of them show a steady, healthful growth, and some greatly increased benevolences. Most of these, which were without pastors a year ago, are now supplied. A few of the smaller are still vacant, and are very weak. Two or three maintain no services, and may possibly yield the ground to other denominations. Nearly all of them report prosperous Sunday Schools, which being made an essential part of the church work, and kept spiritually warm, furnish the best grounds of hope for the future.

MARSHALL CONFERENCE.—The past year, with this Conference has been on the whole, one of more than ordinary blessing. Five of the churches have enjoyed a manifest refreshing from the presence of the Lord, with the most precious results, and several others have not been without the evidence of the Spirit's presence in the conversion of souls. While some are compelled to mourn over discouragements, the majority are permitted to speak of an ordinary condition of peace and prosperity. An evident advancement has been made in the payment of debts, and in other material matters.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.—The churches in this Conference are mostly in their infancy, and are aided by the Home Missionary Society. Manistee and Ludington being the only two that are self-supporting. All of them except Tustin have had pastors during the year, and have been steadily moving forward. Several of them have received large and important accessions to their membership. The transient character of the population has presented the only serious obstacle to their growth.

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE has been unusually prosperous during the past year, and the spring meeting had much of the spirit of a jubilee. Revivals of unwonted power have been enjoyed by the churches of Hudson, Litchfield and Wheatland. A special feature of the work in Hudson was the prominence given to neighborhood meetings, and in outlying school districts. Most of the other churches of the Conference have also received a manifest quickening with the ingathering of souls. The young church of Maybee has completed a house of worship and the church in North Adams has enlarged and beautified its church edifice, and paid off its old debt.

WESTERN CONFERENCE, though not visited with any extensive revivals, brings a very cheering and hopeful report. Nearly all the churches are in a prosperous state, and furnished with pastors who are laboriously and faithfully doing the work of the Lord among them. Many of them have received additions, but in some these have hardly more than balanced the removals. Grand Haven is rejoicing in the removal of its burden of debt, which for years has been hanging over it, greatly hindering its usefulness and growth. Muskegon, by reason of its prosperity, has heard the call to leave its old straightened quarters, and build a new and larger house of worship, for which the means have already been provided. The church in Newaygo has recently lost its church edifice by fire, but is not discouraged, and hopes to rebuild soon.

This brief narrative, it will be perceived, furnishes no good ground for discouragement in our work, but rather of inspiration and hope. With the blessing of God upon the faithful and well-directed labors of both ministers and people, we may confidently look forward to a future of these churches which shall be an honor to our State, and a cause of joy among the angels in heaven.



## C.

## NECROLOGY.

REV. HENRY ALLEN AUSTIN died in Pleasanton, Manistee County, Mich., June 2, 1882, of nervous prostration and liver complaint. His health had been poor for many years. He was born in Becket, Mass., November 22, 1821. He united with the Congregational Church in Worthington, Mass., in 1840; he fitted for college at Worthington Academy; graduated from Union College in 1847; and from Auburn Theological Seminary in 1851; and on the 28th of September in that year he married Miss Mary Wright, of Becket, Mass. He preached at Otis, Mass., 1851-4; at Hartland Conn., 1854-5; was ordained at Huntington, Mass., Nov. 6, 1856; and on account of failing health, was dismissed July 29, 1859, and went to Brownhelm, Ohio, where he engaged in farming. In 1864, he removed to Pleasanton, Mich., and took a homestead of government land in this unorganized town, containing then only three families. Here he remained until he died, enduring all the privations and hardships of pioneer life. Here his wife died October 25, 1869, leaving no children. In November, 1871, he married Miss Carrie Frances Maxim, of Paris, Me.

During his life in Pleasanton, his devotion to the cause of Christ was marked. He preached in his own and another private house, and largely through his labors and influence the Congregational church of Pleasanton was organized January 28, 1866, and soon afterward it entered its own house of worship, a neat little frame, to which his skillful hands and slender purse had made large contributions.

Of this church, under commission of the A. H. M. Society, he was pastor during the years 1867-8, 1879, and a part of 1880. His successor in the pastoral care of the church found in him a most

exemplary parishioner—kind, helpful and sympathizing—traits not generally supposed to characterize retired ministers, but conspicuously exemplified by him. He filled through a series of years, with large satisfaction to pastor and church, the offices of Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent, and in all business and spiritual interests of the church he always exhibited that sanctified common sense” which is characteristic of Congregationalism. Such was his purity and integrity of life and character that he won the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. And when he died the text for a funeral discourse almost irresistibly suggested was *Ps XXXVII-37*—“Mark the perfect man, &c.” He left a wife and three children.

REV. WILLIAM MULDER was born in Holland, July 18th, 1833. When he was nine years old his mother died, and in 1847 he came to this country with his father and two brothers, and settled in Utica N. Y. and worked for a time as a shoemaker, but he had a great love for books and attended Whitestown Seminary until he was fitted for college. In January, 1859, he was married to Elizabeth Downward, of Utica. In 1861, he entered Madison University where he remained until within a few weeks of graduation, when on account of ill health he was compelled to leave. In May 1866, he removed to Victor, Michigan, reaching there on the very day of the funeral of Rev. Garry C. Fox, pastor of the churches in Laingsburg and Victor. He began at once to supply the pulpits left vacant by the death of Mr. Fox, and was ordained June 5th, 1867. He preached for these churches nine years during which time he organized the church in Ovid. From Laingsburg he went to Leslie, preaching for the church there three years, when on account of failing health, in the spring of 1878, he decided to close his ministry and retire to a small farm that he owned in Victor. But his old friends and neighbors insisted that he should preach for them even though he gave them old sermons. This he consented to do and continued to supply the pulpit until the winter of 1882, when his disease, which proved to be softening of the brain, had made such progress that he was compelled to desist altogether from ministerial work, and declined steadily until August 25, 1882, when he gently fell asleep.

He was a faithful and hard worker, a pleasant and forcible

preacher, who dwelt largely upon the duties which man owes to his neighbor. He cherished kindly feelings toward those from whom he differed in opinion, and won friends wherever he went. He leaves a wife and two sons to mourn his loss.

REV. ALONZO SANDERSON, of whom brief mention was made in the Necrological Report of last year, was born in Bernardston, Massachusetts, on the 24th day of June, 1808. He was son of Joseph and Content (Dickinson) Sanderson. Graduated from Amherst College in 1834, and from Andover Theological Seminary in 1837. He was a Home Missionary in Canada in 1837-8; ordained, Ludlow, Massachusetts, 1839, January 1; dismissed 1843, May 11; installed over church at Tolland, 1843, July 12, and dismissed in May, 1852; installed at Wellington, Ohio, March 1, 1854, and dismissed March 21, 1856; at York from '56-59; at Goodrich, Michigan '59-61, and again '67-74; at Owosso '61-62; at Grand Blanc '62-67; at Bridgeport '74-75; at Clinton '75-76; at Bedford '77; at Genesee '78-79; without charge at Flint until the time of his death. Married 1837, October 24, Rosetta, daughter of Rufus and Lina (Henderson) Rowe. Four children. Died of paralysis of the brain, in Flint, Michigan, May 19, 1882, aged 73 years, 10 months and 25 days.—[*From Year Book, 1883.*]

REV. GEORGE MILLER TUTHILL.—A final and marked item in the ministerial necrology of this year is the death of Rev. George Miller Tuthill. He died, aged 64 years, at his residence in Kalamazoo, on the 9th inst., after a prolonged and severe illness of two months.

Bro. Tuthill, the oldest of six children, was born at Wading River, Long Island, October 31st, 1818. During his preparations for college, at the academy in Miller's Place, Long Island, in 1834, he became a Christian and, with his brother Frank, joined the Presbyterian church in Franklinville, Long Island.

In 1839 he graduated with honors in the then second largest class in Amherst College. The three following years he spent in teaching at Margaretta Furnace, Pennsylvania, and Miller's Place Academy, Long Island, resting one summer for the recovery of his overstrained eyes.

In 1843 he entered Union Theological Seminary, in New York, graduating in 1846, when in May of that year he was licensed to

preach by the Long Island Presbytery, which body a year later, ordained him as an evangelist.

In May, 1847, he married Miss Anna H. Hall, of New York City, went to St. Louis, Missouri, as a Home Missionary, organized the Spruce Street Presbyterian Church and became a member of the St. Louis Presbytery.

In the summer of 1849 he accepted a call to the church at Godfrey, Illinois, worshipping in Monticello Seminary, and joined the Presbytery of Alton.

In 1851 he supplied the Presbyterian church in Kalamazoo a few months, and then accepted a call to the Congregational church in St. Clair, where upon installation he remained pastor for seven years, till the fall of 1858, when he accepted a call to the Congregational church in Pontiac. He remained in this pastorate six years, till the summer of 1864, when for a few months he served as "stated supply" in the church at Franklinville, Long Island, and also at Paris Hill, N. Y., declining calls made by both churches.

In February, 1865, he accepted a call to Ashtabula, Ohio, and was installed pastor of the Congregational church in that place, laboring there till 1867, when he accepted a call to the Congregational church in St. John's, in this State.

Such are the statistics of his work in ministering to the churches as pastor. Looking into the work done, we find that in all the places of his labor there was an earnest and faithful preaching of the word and an affectionate care of souls. At St. Clair and Pontiac in this State, and in Ashtabula, Ohio, there were rewarding revivals of religion under his labors; and while some have gone to be stars in the crown of his rejoicing, others whom he led to the Savior yet walk the earth in the service of the Master. Wherever he labored long enough to make the full power of his mind and heart and life felt, there was faithful witness borne and permanent good accomplished, contributing to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth.

Bro. Tuthill was more broadly known in the Northwest and among churches of different evangelical denominations by his superintendency of the interests and work of the American Bible Society. To this service in this State he was called in 1871, making his home at Kalamazoo. During the next year the same Bible-

work in Wisconsin was added to his labors. For 12 years till the time of his last illness, this work prospered under his faithful and conscientious care.

The oversight of so many local Bible Societies, the work of colportage and Bible distribution through so many laborers, over so wide a field, called for his full strength, and more than he was aware of, wasted the energies of his life; but while strength lasted he would accept no respite. His resting time has now come. And if he finds that rest to be only a change to higher activity in wider range it will be only the more grateful to his consecrated spirit.

The announcement of his death will bring a touch of sorrow to God's people in hundreds of churches in the Northwest, who will remember him as one beloved alike for his christian faithfulness and christian modesty.

Bro. Tuthill leaves two brothers, Judge James Tuthill and Captain Ellsworth Tuthill, both residing on Long Island; also the wife who through all the years of his ministry was his help and comfort; and their four children, two sons and two daughters, whom they had "trained in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." And these, though far from affluence, he has not left without provision for their temporal welfare. And in this exercise of care, his example is worthy of imitation.

Dea. Samuel Fletcher Drury was born in Spencer, Mass., June 7, 1816. At the age of eighteen he made a public profession of religion and united with the First Baptist Church in Worcester, Mass. In 1837, he went to Boston and spent a year as clerk in a dry goods store. The following year he removed to Otsego, Mich., and engaged in mercantile business for himself.

It was here that he became acquainted with Miss Angeline M. House, to whom he was married in 1839. He was one of the first to start a Sunday School in the place, and was very active in helping to organize the public school, and was also very zealous in the cause of temperance.

In 1848, he was appointed a delegate to the Marshall Association which met in Olivet. While in attendance upon this meeting he became deeply interested in the work of the Olivet Institute and raised among the members of the Association some forty dollars to

aid in completing an unfinished hall. This at the time was regarded a large sum and gave a new impulse toward the completion of the building.

In 1849, he moved to Olivet and by his earnest words, wise counsels, untiring efforts and generous gifts contributed much toward the development of Olivet Institute into Olivet College, and toward promoting its subsequent growth.

In that day it required no small amount of moral courage to speak a word in public in favor of Olivet College, but it ever found in Dea. Drury an enthusiastic advocate.

For some thirty years he served as Superintendent of a Sunday School—for nearly twenty years of the school in Olivet. This was a work he greatly enjoyed and in which he was eminently successful.

His only child, a son, died in 1863, just before graduating from College.

In 1872, Pres. Morrison resigned the charge of Olivet College, and engaged in the building of a College in Springfield, Missouri. Dea. Drury took a deep interest in this work and at a critical point in the history of the infant college, when it seemed as though the enterprise was on the brink of failure, he pledged the College \$25,000, a sum equal to the whole value of the property then owned by the college. In grateful appreciation of this generous gift, the College was named in honor of him "Drury College."

For several years Dea. Drury has been in failing health, and on the 13th day of February, 1883, he died in the triumphs of faith.

## D.

# ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE MICHIGAN CONGREGATIONAL MIN- ISTERIAL RELIEF SOCIETY.

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*Know all Men by these Presents,* That we, the subscribers, in accordance with a certain preamble and resolutions adopted by the "General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan," at their meeting at Charlotte, Michigan, on the 20th day of May, A. D., 1881, and also at Manistee, May 17, 1883, relating to "Disabled Ministers and the Families of Deceased Ministers," and under the authority granted by the provisions of Chapter 105 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, of the State of Michigan, and the amendments thereto, do hereby associate ourselves together as a body politic and corporate, and adopt the following Articles of Association:

## ARTICLE I.

The names and places of residence of the subscribers associating are as follows, viz.: Wolcott B. Williams, of Charlotte; Leroy Warren, of Lansing; Henry E. Baker, of Detroit; Theodore P. Prudden, of Lansing; Arthur O. Bement, of Lansing; Cornelius A. Gower, of Lansing, and E. F. Grabill, of Greenville.

## ARTICLE II.

The name of this corporation shall be The Michigan Congregational Ministerial Relief Society; its office for the transaction of business shall be located in Lansing, and the period for which it is incorporated is thirty years.

## ARTICLE III.

The objects for which this corporation is organized are to receive, invest, manage, and disburse any and all funds which shall be received by it for the maintenance of disabled ministers, and the relief of the families of deceased ministers of the Congregational denomination within the State of Michigan.

## ARTICLE IV.

The number of the Trustees of this Corporation shall be six, who shall be chosen from said corporators, and their successors, and such Trustees, when chosen, shall hold their office for three years; except that in the first instance, two trustees shall be chosen for one year, two for two years, and two for three years—the object being to have only two Trustees to be elected annually after the first election of such officers. There shall also be chosen by the Trustees annually a President, Secretary and Treasurer, to hold their respective offices for one year and until their successors shall be chosen. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person, and the President of the Board of Trustees shall be chosen from the members of said Board.

## ARTICLE V.

The members of this corporation thus associating constitute the Home Missionary Executive Committee of "The General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan," and the future members of this corporation shall consist of such persons only as shall hereafter be members of The Home Missionary Executive Committee mentioned above; it being understood that the present members of this corporation shall remain members thereof only during the time they shall continue members of said Home Missionary Executive Committee: *Provided*, That if the Home Missionary Executive Committee be not chosen for any cause, the Trustees of this Society shall be empowered to fill all vacancies as they shall occur in their number.

## ARTICLE VI.

The Trustees of this corporation shall distribute all funds



received by it, or the income from funds or money received and invested by it for the objects hereinbefore specified, in accordance with the provisions and regulations of the by-laws to be made by said Trustees, and which shall be adopted by them in accordance with the provisions of the statute under which this corporation is organized, and the said Board of Trustees shall make an annual report to the General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan.

ARTICLE VII.

The annual meeting of this corporation shall be held at Lansing at a time to be fixed by said by-laws.

## E.

## THE PUBLISHED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

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"The General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan," was organized Oct. 11, 1842, at Jackson, on a call issued by the Jackson Conference. There were present only ten ministers and delegates from six churches. Minutes have been issued every year, except in 1847, when the records were lost, but being afterwards found, an abstract was appended to the minutes of 1848.

The list of officers which first appeared in the minutes of 1867 gives but two Secretaries. We find that the following is the accurate list:

Rev. L. Smith Hobart, 1842-1846;  
 Rev. H. L. Hammond, 1847;  
 Rev. S. L. Foster, 1848-1850;  
 Rev. H. D. Kitchel, D. D., 1851-1853;  
 Rev. L. Smith Hobart, 1854-1861;  
 Rev. Philo R. Hurd, D. D., 1862-1882;  
 Rev. John P. Sanderson, 1883.

We will speak of the two Secretaries who held office for the longest periods.

It was at the suggestion and by the efforts of our first Secretary, Rev. L. Smith Hobart, that a Convention of Congregationalists was held at Michigan City, Indiana, in 1846, which has had the most important bearings on our growth and fellowship as a denomination. That Convention stands at the parting of the ways; and from its connection with this General Association, we will notice it and its results.

After the Presbyterian Church had divided, in 1837, and while

the New School body held triennial assemblies, special conventions were held here and there by the Presbyterian churches, to which Congregational churches were invited, with the view of their union with the Presbytery under the plan of 1801. Mr. Hobart was Secretary of such a Convention, held at Detroit, in June, 1845. After listening to the advantages of Presbyterianism for one whole afternoon, he said to Rev. Parsons Cooke, of Massachusetts: "We must have a Convention of our own; let us confer about it after the adjournment." In conversation at the close of the session, it was agreed that this General Association was the proper body to call the proposed Convention, and that Mr. Hobart should lay the matter before it at its next meeting. This he did, September 30, 1845, when the Association unanimously approved the plan, and appointed Rev. L. Smith Hobart, Dea. Chester Hammond, and Rev. O. C. Thompson a committee to issue a call for the Convention. In their call of the next April, the committee invite the Congregational churches to meet in Michigan City "for mutual consultation on the condition, prospects, and wants of the Congregational churches of the West; the advancement of the various enterprises of Christian benevolence and philanthropy; and for the promotion of true religion generally."

This Convention, the precursor of the National fellowship of our churches, held from July 30th, to August 3, 1846. It was composed of only forty-eight members—three from Iowa, two from Wisconsin, fifteen from Michigan, twelve from Illinois, five from Indiana, two from Ohio, four from New York, one from Connecticut, two from Massachusetts, and two from Canada.

We will speak only of Michigan men and their acts in this body. Rev. L. Smith Hobart and Hon. Charles G. Hammond were its Secretaries; Rev. O. C. Thompson was chairman of committee on roll, and "on the Causes, the Evils and the Remedies of the Practice of Congregational ministers abandoning their Church Polity on coming to the West." Rev. John D. Pierce was chairman of committee "On the Adaptation of Congregationalism to the West;" Rev. H. L. Hammond, chairman, "On the Value of the Plan of Union;" Rev. George Barnum was member of the committee "On the Duty of Congregationalists to Sustain our Church Polity;" Rev. L. Smith Hobart was chairman of committee "On the Expediency of continuing to send Delegates to the Presbyterian and

Congregational Convention, and of holding Annual Congregational Conventions." Rev. O. D. Hine was on the committee to prepare a statement of the substance of the "Confessions of Faith and Ecclesiastical Constitution adopted by Western Congregational bodies." These topics give the scope of the purpose and discussions of the Convention.

The committee reported against annual and in favor of occasional conventions, saying: "For the *ordinary* wants of the churches, our state, territorial, and provincial annual meetings, already established, are entirely sufficient. Whenever there shall *again* arise special and important reasons for another Congregational Convention, let it be called by some one of the annual Associations." This report was adopted.

The committee reported adversely to the Plan of Union of 1801, which the Convention adopted, and which when reported to this General Association received the special and entire approval of the same (*Minutes*, 1846, 7-8). When the Albany Convention of 1852 was convened, Mr. Hobart distributed five hundred copies of the reprinted report among its members, which Convention abrogated the disastrous Plan of Union between the Presbyterians and Congregationalists.

Time has vindicated the action of our first Secretary and of our Association in these matters: for the Convention of 1846, devised by Mr. Hobart, "gave a new impulse to the study of the Congregational polity;" corrected tendencies to doctrinal errors; awakened attention at the East; led in six years to the National Convention at Albany, in 1852, called by the General Association of New York; then to the National Council at Boston, in 1865; and developed, in 1871, into the triennial National Council. This development gives great significance to the remark made by Mr. Hobart to Rev. Parsons Cooke, after listening to the laudation of the Plan of Union, which swallowed up so many of our churches in the West, and which came so near shutting Congregationalism into the narrow confines of New England. Mr. Hobart has lived to see the occasional national fellowship which he did so much to begin, established as stated and permanent.

Another Secretary, Rev. Philo R. Hurd D. D., was elected in 1862 and has served to the present session, a period of twenty-one

years. [He declined to be re-elected for another three years, because of the infirmities of age.] He is the greatest among us all, for he has served us best and longest. We know from experience what perplexity, trouble, toil and criticism attend the issuing of the Minutes of State Associations. For not all ministers are destined to a mathematical Paradise. Most of them see no poetry in tables of figures. Some who chance to be elected Registrars of local Associations, and whose educational advantages have been limited to a full college and seminary course, are not able to add up correctly the columns of figures in a single statistical table, compelling the Secretary to correct them before sending them to the printer. Such men should have had a fourth year in the seminary. Then the proof-reading of the many pages of tables! Try one page, and follow the printer until there is not an error in it, and you will begin to realize what perfection in patience twenty-one years of the tribulation have wrought in our most faithful Secretary. Our Minutes are the result and monument of the endurance of evil which neither churches nor ministers adequately appreciate. For one I bow in profound admiration before the Secretary who has carried our Minutes so high that they are among the handsomest issued by State bodies.

This Secretary is the worthy successor of our first. To both our churches owe a great debt of gratitude for services which they can neither fully appreciate nor adequately repay. Yet our churches have not been wholly ungrateful. Both Secretaries were members of the Albany Convention of 1852; of the Boston Council, 1865; and of the first triennial National Council, 1871. Mr. Hobart was one of the Secretaries of the Michigan City Convention in 1846, and of the Albany Convention. Both are honored with the confidence and love of the brethren.

We speak of these two only because they had most to do with our Minutes, issuing thirty-four out of the forty-one numbers.

On examining the minutes we find points of permanent interest, which we will mention.

1. At the second meeting of this Association, in 1843, our churches took radical ground against slavery. And between that utterance and the outbreak of the rebellion, they eleven times expressed their abhorrence of the sin. When the war came, our

churches were loyal to the core; and, at every annual meeting, during the struggle, they gave their unwavering support to the National Government against slavery and treason. In the preceding moral contest, this Association sought to disentangle the missionary and benevolent societies, then supported also by the Presbyterians, from all complicity with slavery. To this end a report on the matter was printed in the minutes of 1853, which covered thirty-two pages. The sons should honor the fathers for their brave and successful fight against the sin which attempted our national life.

2. The utterances of this General Association on temperance began in the same year, 1843. In the Narrative of the State of Religion of that year, we read; "The great moral reform on the subject, of temperance has made pleasing advances." Thus early were our churches both right and active in the temperance reform. In 1851, resolutions were adopted which "pledged" "our cordial co-operation," and recommended "renewed activity and diligence in this cause." The next year, 1852, the Association declared its "unabated interest in the cause of temperance," and said: "We believe that the time has fully come in this State for a legislative measure like that of the State of Maine; and that the prevalence of temperance sentiment warrants the friends of this cause in urging the adoption of such law as speedily as practicable. We recommend to the ministers and churches connected with this body to throw themselves strenuously and prayerfully into this field of labor at this crisis." (*Minutes, 1852, p. 7.*)

In the "crisis" of thirty-one years ago the State seemed to be as near permanent prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as at the present time. Again, in 1853, our churches, through this Association, declared for prohibition, and since then with more or less clearness, in 1857, 1858, 1867, 1871, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, and again at this meeting. In the face of these declarations, from 1843 to 1883, no one can justly charge this Association either with indifference or neglect in regard to this great reform.

3. Our minutes present some ecclesiastical points of interest. By the constitution as adopted at the organization of this body, membership was thus defined: "Any Conference of churches in

Michigan, consenting to the Constitution and Rules of this Association, may annually appoint as many delegates to attend the meetings of this body, as are equal to the whole number of churches belonging to such Conference." And "by the term 'Conference' in Article III. of the Constitution, and elsewhere in the Constitution and Rules of this Association, we understand any organized body of Congregational churches and ministers, which shall comply with the rules and regulations of this Association." (Resolution passed, 1849, *Minutes* p. 5.)

In 1846 the word "Congregational" was put before the words "churches and ministers," to define them; and each Conference was permitted to send as many ministers to the General Association as there were churches connected with it, while each church connected with such Conference could send one lay delegate.

Article III. was again changed in 1850, so as to require ministers as well as churches to be in regular connection with some local Association or Conference.

In 1871, to define this connection more fully, the words, "made such by vote," were added. A minister must be admitted into membership in local Associations or Conferences by formal vote, in order to entitle him to standing in the General Association. His being an installed pastor of a church in connection, does not give him such standing.

In 1878 the word "delegate" in Article III. was interpreted as inclusive of both sexes; and again, in 1881, as applying only to members of the church sending a delegate. So that while a church may choose whom it will of its own members to represent it in the General Association, it can not be represented by one not a member of said church.

The 13th Rule, "Members of committees holding over from year to year, shall be *ex officio* members of the Association during their term of office,"—was, in 1882, held to include "ministers not in connection with local bodies; as well as laymen."

In 1843, this question was asked of the General Association: "Is it indispensable to the proper constitution of a Congregational Church that a minister should preside at its organization?" It was answered by vote, that while it may be "competent," it is not advisable that churches should be constituted without ministerial aid,

except in extreme cases." Thus the door was not quite closed against the liberty of believers to organize themselves into churches, and the power of the keys was not wholly given to ministers to open or shut at will.

4. The standing of ministers has been well defined from the beginning, as shown in the following actions:

At the second meeting of this Association, 1843, the following record was made: "Is it consistent with Congregational usage for ministers, in ordinary circumstances, to unite with an ecclesiastical body, while as yet they are not regularly dismissed from the body with which, at the time, they may be connected?"

"Voted, that the question be answered in the negative."  
(*Minutes*, p 5.)

Thus in its second meeting this body declared it to be "Congregational usage" to hold ministerial standing in "ecclesiastical bodies," which must be "regularly" transferred in order to membership in another body.

This view is confirmed by another question answered at the same meeting: "May a layman be allowed to prefer and prosecute charges against a minister before the Association to which that minister belongs?" This question, which implies ministerial standing in local Associations, after discussion, was by vote answered in the affirmative. (*Minutes*, p. 6.) If a layman, then surely a minister could prefer and prosecute charges against a member of such Association.

Since ministerial standing has thus been held in Associations from the beginning, we are not surprised at the language used in the following question, proposed in 1846: "If any local Association withdraw fellowship from a member of their body, and any neighboring Presbytery receive him as a member, what is the duty of the Association in its relation to the Presbytery?" (*Minutes*, p. 5.) This question was referred to a committee, which seems never to have reported. It implies that an Association had "withdrawn fellowship from a member of their body."

"The committee appointed, in 1845, to call the Michigan City Convention of 1846, were instructed by vote to invite "all those Orthodox Congregational Ministers in our country and the adjoin-



ing provinces, who are members in regular standing in the Associations within the bounds of which they reside," etc. (*Minutes*, p. 11.) This call clearly vested the condition of fellowship on something other than ordaining and installing councils. It rightly required ministerial standing in local Associations.

Still further light is shed on ministerial standing by the action of this body in accepting the invitation of the General Association of New York to join in the Albany Convention of 1852. This Association put into its acceptance these words: "That the call embrace all Congregational ministers who shall present certificates of regular membership in local Associations." (*Minutes*, 1852, p. 6.)

Ministerial standing was defined by unanimous vote, in 1880, to be "such membership in some local Conference or Association as makes the said body responsible for ministers connected with it; i. e., the Conference or Association receives its ministerial members on credentials by vote; may arraign, try, and expel them for cause; or dismiss them to corresponding bodies on their own request. (*Minutes* p. 20.)

Responsible ministerial standing in local Associations is no new departure; neither is the withdrawal of fellowship by an Association from one of its members for cause a novelty; both were involved in the organic law of this body as interpreted in the actions given in this recital, and that, too, from the beginning.

In 1879, and again in 1880, the General Association approved of and commended a process of ministerial discipline based on the idea that the ministry is a function and not merely an office, supplying a defect in the Boston Platform of 1865. It thus anticipated the action of the National Council held in November 1880, in adopting a rule resting on the same principle. But the defect was not quite remedied as events afterwards showed.

But the adoption at this meeting, in a full assembly, with only two dissentient votes after discussion, of a resolution declaring it "orderly and expedient" for Associations to join in the calling of a mutual council, if asked to do so by any minister or church excluded or expelled from membership therein, in case injustice be charged, completes the system of responsible fellowship among independent churches. (*Minutes*, 1883, p. 9.) As under the Cambridge Platform a church by removing its pastor from office

cut off his ministerial standing, and remanded him to the laity, from which appeal could be taken either to a mutual or *ex-parte* council; so under the Boston Platform an Association by expelling or excluding a minister from membership in it cuts him off from ministerial standing in our communion, from which action an appeal can be taken to a mutual or *ex-parte* council. This completes our polity in this respect in perfect harmony with its principles.

5. In view of the small number of installed pastors in the State the Association passed, in 1860, a resolution declaring "that this state of things among us is greatly to be deplored," and earnestly recommending "both churches and ministers to adopt a policy by which it shall be removed as soon as possible." But the evil continued, and so the General Association, in 1882, by unanimous vote, recommended that a recognition service be substituted for installation, retaining all the ecclesiastical part of installation, but rejecting its legal or contract element. So that a "recognized" pastor need not, unless there be special reason, call a council on leaving a church, his connection with some Association determining his standing.

6. This Association has from the beginning fostered missionary labors. It took steps at its first meeting, 1842, to secure "a missionary among destitute churches," and opened correspondence with the Missionary Society of Connecticut for aid in meeting the expenses. The committee reported, in 1843, that the Connecticut society had encouraged them to hope for such assistance. Therefore "the Domestic Missionary Committee" was appointed for conducting the missionary work. But this committee had to report the next year, 1844, that the Connecticut Missionary Society had been "led to fear, in consequence of representations made to them, that the appointment of a missionary evangelist within our bounds would occasion difficulty between the Congregational and Presbyterian denominations." This attempt to stifle Congregationalism in our State failed, by the opening of another door to the needed assistance (*Minutes* p. 6). We have not space to trace the development of this committee through its changes in 1879 into our present complete method of doing mission work in the State.

7. The Association took steps in 1844, to publish a monthly periodical, to be devoted to the exposition and defense of the Con-

gregational system of church polity and to the promotion of religion generally." Hence came into being the *Michigan Congregationalists* which the Association, in 1845, transferred with its ownership and responsibility to a private company. The further history of this paper is not a matter of record. Again, in 1863, a committee was appointed on a religious paper. After cogitating the matter a year, it reported, in 1864, "the establishment [of such a paper as desirable and feasible;" but in 1865, the matter was indefinitely postponed.

8. In 1857, a committee was appointed on the expediency of raising a relief fund for the widows and orphans of deceased Congregational ministers. They reported, in 1858, and the matter was referred to another committee, which reported, in 1859, "that they found no such widows and orphans in the State." Again, in 1860, the committee reported that there was no need of such fund, and recommended that the matter be dropped for the present. The matter came up again in 1872, but the committee reported in 1874 that the project was "impracticable." Yet a plan was presented in 1880, which has been adopted at this meeting, for caring for needy ministers and their families.

9. We give the following data for the guidance of the Association in settling the ever-recurring question of the time in the week when the annual meeting should be held. The record of changes is as follows,—the session beginning in the evening of the first day mentioned, and closing on the second day mentioned:

1842-1857.....	Tuesday.....	Thursday.
1858-1866.....	Thursday.....	Monday.
1867-1873.....	Wednesday.....	Sunday.
1874-1878.....	Tuesday.....	Friday.
1879——.....	Wednesday.....	Sunday.

10. Under the Plan of Union of 1801," the committee of the American Home Missionary Society, in 1831, informed Rev. John D. Pierce, that it was best for him, and that it was expected, that he should join the Presbytery; and that it would not be either desirable or wise to organize any Congregational churches in Michigan (2 *Congregational Quarterly*, 192). In spite of this attempt to confine Congregationalism to New England, (*Third*), churches were organized, and when they formed this General As-

sociation they naturally looked with disfavor on the Plan of Union which had been used against them. This appeared in the Convention of 1846 at Michigan City, and in the approval which this Association gave to the action of that Convention on the Plan of Union at its next meeting, October, 1846. It had previously, in 1845 proposed a modified form of that plan, which the synod of Michigan refused to concur in. The General Association, in 1846, hesitated about entering into co-operation with the Presbyterians in "the Education Society of Michigan," which the Synod of Michigan had organized.

In the same line, a committee was appointed, in 1850, to inquire into the ecclesiastical relations of the missionaries of the American Board. We find no report of this committee.

11. We may gather a few other points of interest.

In 1843, the General Association voted that it is not "expedient for a Congregational minister to baptize by immersion one who has been baptized in infancy.

The Association appointed, in 1852, a Historical Committee, which in 1862 reported, urging local Associations to see that duplicate copies of historical sketches be prepared. It may be well for the Association to inquire what has become of the results of the labors of this Historical Committee.

The Association has repeatedly expressed its approval and commendation of Olivet College, the Oberlin and Chicago Theological Seminaries, and our various Benevolent and Missionary Societies.

12. As to the form and matter of the minutes, we would say a few things in conclusion:

*a.* They have grown from a meagre pamphlet of eighteen pages with no statistical tables to a volume of one hundred and four pages, including forty-three pages of statistical and other tables.

*b* Our minutes are among the handsomest now published.

*c* They should contain a record of all matters of interest and value to our churches, resolutions, reports, statistics, and papers of special interest. Of all things the statistical tables and the list of ministers in connection should be published as of greatest value.

The journal of the Association should contain the minutes of the body just as they are approved by the Association, in order that they may have legal value.

*d* All tables and lists should be arranged alphabetically.

*e* The minutes should be paid for by tax on the churches *per capita* on resident members, and distributed *pro rata*. The tax for the Minutes for the last five years, on resident membership, as drawn from the published treasurer's report, together with postage, salary, stationary, notices of meetings, schedules, and other incidental expenditures, excluding tax for *year book* and *minutes* of National Council, averages only a fraction over two and one-half cents annually,—not a large sum to pay for the blessed fellowship of the saints, and the business connected with our organic union in the General Association. The normal way of meeting the expenditure is that adopted at the beginning, a tax assessed on churches in local Associations.

In our minutes we have found no attempt by the Association to exercise authority over individuals or churches, no complaint of such attempt from any quarter, no division or threatened division of the body over any question, nothing to indicate that confidence and love between its members were ever put to serious strain. Let us thank God for such sweet fellowship, and seek ever to foster and perpetuate it.

A. HASTINGS ROSS.

## F.

## THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

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### PREAMBLE.

Believing that the principles of the Congregational system of church government are plainly taught in the Scriptures; and believing that system to be better adapted than any other to promote the welfare of the Christian Church; and believing, moreover, that the extension and efficiency of the system would be greatly promoted by organizing a General Association of the Congregational ministers and churches of Michigan; we, therefore, to form such an Association, adopt the following

### CONSTITUTION.

#### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Ecclesiastical Organization shall be called the General Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers of Michigan.

#### ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

This Association declaring that it will exercise no ecclesiastical control or authority over the ministers and churches belonging to it, assumes for its object to promote Christian fellowship among its members; to obtain and disseminate information relative to the churches throughout the State, our country and the world; and by prayers, counsels and faithful efforts, to advance the cause of truth and holiness.

#### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERS.

Any minister who is a member—made such by vote—in regular standing in any local Conference or Association in this State, which assents to the Constitution of this General Association, is a

member of this body, and being present shall be entitled to a seat therein; and every church regularly connected with any such local Conference or Association shall be entitled to a representation in this body by a delegate chosen for that purpose, and a quorum or larger number of such ministers and delegates, together with those made members *ex officio* by the Rules, assembled according to Article V., shall constitute the General Association of Michigan.

#### ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, and Scribe, elected annually by ballot, and Assistant Scribe, chosen *viva voce* at each meeting, and a Secretary, elected triennially by ballot, who shall be the Treasurer of the Association. The duties of these officers shall be as indicated by the designation of their office.

#### ARTICLE V.—MEETING.

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at such place as shall have been selected at the previous meeting, and shall begin on the third Wednesday of May, at 7:30 P. M., and not to stand adjourned until after an evening service on the following Sabbath. If any exigency shall arise which, in the unanimous opinion of the Moderator, Secretary and Scribe, requires an extra meeting of this body, or a change in either the time or place of the annual meeting thereof, it shall be competent for these officers to call such extra meeting, or to make such a change upon giving adequate notice.

#### ARTICLE VI.—QUORUM.

A number of members equal to one-fifth of the number of churches entitled to representation shall be a quorum for the transaction of business; but at the time and place of meeting a smaller number may organize the body.

#### ARTICLE VII.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

1. At each meeting of the Association there shall be chosen a Business Committee of six, three of whom shall retire each year in the order of their election, and three shall be chosen annually, one of whom shall be the minister of the church with which the Association votes next to meet. This committee shall cause to be

offered to the Association such papers on doctrine, duty, and polity, and to present such topics for discussion as they deem expedient; they shall nominate and report to this body a preacher and alternate for the next meeting of the Association, make arrangements for all the missionary and other public meetings to be held by the Association, and prepare the order of business for each session, placing a docket of the same in the hands of the Moderator; and no business shall be introduced without their consent, except by a vote of the body upon appeal.

2. There shall be a Nominating Committee of three to be chosen by ballot each year in the first business session of the body, whose duty shall be to make all nominations of committees not otherwise provided for. This committee shall elect its own Chairman and Scribe, and shall keep a record of all nominations confirmed by the Association.

3. A Committee on the Narrative, consisting of three, of whom the Secretary shall be one, shall be chosen annually for the ensuing year, to whom the Scribe of each local Conference or Association shall send a written narrative of the state of religion within its bounds as soon as possible after its meeting next preceding the annual meeting of this body, which this committee shall form into a general narrative to be presented to this body; and, if approved, to be published in the Minutes.

4. An Obituary Committee of three shall be chosen annually, who shall make fit report to this Association of the death of those ministers who at their decease were, or long had been, members of the body.

#### ARTICLE VIII.—CONFESSION.

##### WE BELIEVE:

1. In the One Supreme God, the Creator, Preserver, Sovereign Ruler and Final Judge of all; in the Trinity of the Godhead; and in the Infinite perfections of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. In the full inspiration and authority of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the revealed will of God and our rule of faith and practice.



3. In the apostacy and depravity of our race, and in their consequent need of regeneration and sanctification by the Spirit and truth of God.
4. In the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ, the Supreme head of the Church, our Prophet, Priest and King; and in his atonement as the only ground of man's salvation, and as sufficient for all.
5. In the eternal purpose of God; and in the substantial and conscious freedom of man.
6. In the election of true believers; and in their perseverance through faith unto salvation.
7. In keeping the Lord's day as the Christian Sabbath; in baptizing believers and their children; and in observing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
8. In the resurrection of the dead; in the final judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; and in the eternal punishment of the wicked.

#### ARTICLE IX.—NATIONAL COUNCIL.

This Association, appreciating the fellowship of the churches, and the need of comprehensive plans for advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom, will be represented by delegates in the National Council.

#### ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided the intended change, or amendment, shall have been proposed in substance at the previous meeting.

## RULES.

1. ORGANIZATION.—The annual meeting shall be opened with a sermon, after which the Moderator, or in his absence the Secretary, or the minister of the church with which the Association meets, shall call the members to order, and shall preside till the body is organized by the election of a Moderator and Scribe, a majority of the votes cast being necessary to such election.

2. On the first evening of the meeting the Secretary shall circulate cards, on which the members and corresponding members shall write their names and titles, together with the name of their Church, local Conference, Association, or Corresponding Body, and from these cards he shall make out a roll to be reported early the next day.

3. Only the Business Committee shall propose the names of honorary members.

4. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.—Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer. The minutes shall be read for correction on the morning of each day, and shall be approved at the close of the meeting.

5. The usages of like deliberative bodies shall be observed in defining the duties of officers and in the conduct of business.

6. When a motion is under debate no motion shall be received except for adjournment, amendment, postponement, commitment, division of the question, yeas and nays, or the previous question viz: *Shall the main question now be put?* and these motions, except for amendment, shall not be debated.

7. In debate no member, without leave of the body, shall speak more than ten minutes, nor more than once while others wish to occupy the floor. The time to be occupied by addresses of corresponding members and members of benevolent societies shall be determined by the Business Committee.

8. DUTIES OF LOCAL BODIES.—Each local Conference or Association shall furnish to the Secretary of this body, through its Scribe or Committee, according to the schedule, its statistics, as they were on the last day of March next preceding the annual meeting of this Association.

9. It shall be the duty of each local Conference or Association to pay, through its Scribe, to the Treasurer of this Association at its annual meeting, whatever money may remain due from that body, whether the same shall have been collected or not.

10. DUTIES OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to give due notice through the newspapers of the time and place of each meeting; to furnish the Scribes of local Conferences or Associations with schedules for statistical reports; to publish the Minutes, statistical reports, and such other documents as the Association shall direct.

11. He shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the Association, and shall disburse the same as this body shall direct. He shall annually report the condition of the Treasury, and shall give an estimate of the expenses for the ensuing year.

12. COMMITTEES.—A Financial Committee of three shall be chosen annually, who shall audit the Treasurer's account and apportion the expenses of this Association to the local Conferences or Associations according to their number of church members respectively.

13. Members of committees holding over from year to year, shall be *ex officio* members of the Association during their term of office.

14. CORRESPONDENCE.—Any member of this Association, if present at the meeting of any corresponding body, shall be authorized to represent the Association therein. For his certificate this rule shall be sufficient; and he may report to this body at its next annual meeting.

15. DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.—At each meeting of this Association previous to a National Council, and on the third day of the meeting Delegates and Alternates, half of each to be laymen, shall be chosen by ballot to represent the churches of this State in the next National Council.

16. ROLL TO BE FURNISHED NOMINATING COMMITTEE.—It shall be the duty of the Scribe, early in the sessions of the body, to furnish the Nominating Committee a copy of the roll of members.

17. SUSPENSION OF RULES.—Any of these Rules, except the Eighteenth, may be suspended for the time being by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

18. AMENDMENT OF RULES.—Any motion to alter, establish, or annul permanently any rule of this body, shall be read on two different days, and may be debated at each reading. At the first reading the question shall be: *Shall it be read a second time?*

## G.

OUR PLAN OF CONDUCTING HOME MISSIONS.

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1. This Association shall appoint annually, and on the second day of the meeting, a Board of Directors for Home Missions, to consist of the State Superintendent of Missions, and one from the Missionary Committee of each local Conference or Association of Churches, and four lay members chosen from the churches of the State at large.

2. This Board of Directors shall nominate to this Association, and the Association shall appoint, an Executive Committee of seven, who may be members of the Board, of which the State Superintendent of Missions shall be one, to hold office three years, the term of office to be so arranged that two members other than said Superintendent, shall be appointed each year.

3. The Board of Directors shall have charge of the apportionment to each local Conference or Association of Churches of its proper share of the Home Missionary funds to be expended in the State, and also of raising the funds to be contributed by the churches for Home Missions.

4. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to receive and pass upon all applications for aid, after the same shall have been approved by the proper local Conference or Associational Committee. They shall also have charge of all matters affecting the Home Missionary interests of the State during the intervals between the meetings of the Board of Directors, and shall make an annual report.

5. The Board of Directors shall hold their annual meeting during the annual meeting of the General Association, and other meetings whenever necessary. The Executive Committee shall determine its own time and place of meeting.

6. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the proper local committee. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies in its own membership, occurring during the interval between the meetings of the Board of Directors.

## H.

# STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

*From March 31st, 1882, to April 1st, 1883.*

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N. B.—The names of Ministers connected with the General Association, with their Postoffice address, will be found on the last two pages, corrected to April 1, 1883.

The letters "Ins," opposite the names of Ministers, indicate they have been installed, and the letters "Recog," they have been recognized. A blank, by direction of the General Association, is left opposite the rest.

For the P. O. address of the Churches, see Tabular View of the Clerks, etc., pp. 96-102.

# I.—CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.			NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.	
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Pro'ession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.		Infants.
Alba-----	Mar. 11, 1879	*Ira B. Jones-----		Sept. 1, 1882	4	3	7	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Banks, (Atwood P. O.)-	June 8, 1867	James Davies-----		May 1, 1880	10	21	31	4	9	0	9	0	3	0	0	5	7	0
Berryville-----	Feb. 27, 1879	Abraham Van Auker--		Nov. 1, 1881	8	14	22	2	10	2	12	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Cheboygan-----	Sept. 3, 1872	†Chas. Harly-----		Sept. 1, 1882	23	37	60	0	4	0	4	0	2	0	0	2	2	0
Excelsior-----	Apr. 30, 1879	T. Arthur Porter-----		July 1, 1880	10	9	19	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gaylord-----	Apr. 26, 1877	†Robert Humphrey--		Apr. 1, 1883	28	31	59	7	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kalkaska-----	Jan. 15, 1875	T. Arthur Porter-----		July 1, 1880	16	30	46	2	18	4	22	1	0	0	0	10	0	0
Kearney-----	Feb. 7, 1878	-----		-----	*41	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mancelona-----	Aug. 5, 1874	Seward S. Palmer-----		Feb. 1, 1881	18	25	43	8	18	2	20	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
Manitou-----	Oct. 4, 1876	†Alvin C. Finn-----		Mar. 5, 1882	7	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Northport-----	Feb. 22, 1863	Page F. McClelland--		Oct. 1, 1875	13	33	46	7	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Vanderbilt-----	Dec. 8, 1880	Abraham Van Auker--		Nov. 1, 1881	5	2	7	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westwood-----	Mar. 15, 1876	Seward S. Palmer-----		Feb. 1, 1881	5	6	11	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total-----	13				144	225	369	24	62	19	81	2	10	0	12	40	9	884

\*Of Grand River Conference. †Of South Eastern Kansas Association. ‡Licentiate of Eastern Association. §Licentiate of Northern Central Conference. \*\*Last Year's Report.

CHEBOYGAN CONFERENCE.

Formed February 13, 1878.

Scribe, Rev. PAGE F. McCLELLAND.

*Meetings:—First Tuesday in June and Third Tuesday in December.*

### MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
James Armstrong,	-----, 1857,	Minister,	Wayland.
Chas. H. Beale,	April, --, 1880,	Minister,	Cadillac.
James Davies,	Mar. 26, 1874,	Minister,	Atwood,
Elias E. Kirkland,	Jan. 22, 1846,	Retired,	Northport.
Chas. A. Marsh,	Nov. 4, 1880,	Student,	Andover Semin'y.
Page F. McClelland,	Dec. 29, 1872,	Minister,	Northport.
Seward S. Palmer,	Mar. 24, 1880,	Minister,	Mancelona.
T. Arthur Porter,	Feb. 25, 1879,	Minister,	Kalkaska.
Abram Van Auken,	Feb. 26, 1879,	Minister,	Vanderbilt.

*Licentiates.*

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## II.—CHIPPEWA AND MACKINAC CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.		
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.		Adults.	Infants.
Bay Mills-----	May 30, 1880	William Curry-----	-----	Mar. 25, 1879	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Maple Valley-----	Oct. 16, 1882	*Isaac B. Lillie-----	-----	Sept. 1, 1882	3	3	6	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Forest-----	Nov. 7, 1880	-----	-----	-----	+ 2	7	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Mt. Zion-----	Nov. 4, 1880	*Isaac B. Lillie-----	-----	Sept. 1, 1882	7	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Naubinway-----	Dec. 15, 1882	Isaac G. Gordon-----	-----	Sept. 1, 1882	6	5	11	1	7	5	12	0	0	0	1	1	4	
Pine Grove-----	May 27, 1880	William Curry-----	-----	Sept. 17, 1882	+10	12	22	2	0	2	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	
St. Ignace-----	Sept. 3, 1880	-----	-----	-----	7	10	17	0	6	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	
St. Mary East-----	May 28, 1880	William Curry-----	-----	Sept. 17, 1882	+ 5	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sugar Island-----	May 30, 1880	†Harvey P. Robinson--	-----	Jan. 1, 1883	15	9	24	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	16	
Superior-----	Oct. 31, 1881	William Curry-----	-----	July 7, 1880	4	9	13	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total-----	10	-----	-----	-----	62	68	130	10	20	9	29	1	10	1	12	1	24	237

\*Licentiate. †Of Northern Association of Kansas, ‡Last Year's Report.



## CHIPPEWA AND MACIKNAC CONFERENCE.

Formed March 17, 1880.

Scribe, Rev. ERASTUS S. CURRY.

*Meetings:—First Tuesday in February and Second Tuesday in July.*

## MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Erastus S. Curry,	June, 16, 1866,	Minister,	Newberry.
William Curry,	May 30, 1880,	Minister,	Bay Mills.
Isaac G. Gordon,	May 27, 1880,	Minister,	Naubinway.
Albert Livermore,	Nov. 16, 1874,	Minister,	Nashville.
<i>Licentiate.</i>			
Isaac B. Lillie,	- - - - -	- - - - -	Strongville.

### III.—EASTERN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Almont	Dec. 6, 1838	Edward D. Kelsey	—	Feb. 11, 1882	26	66	92	0	4	2	6	1	5	0	6	3	1	126
Armada	Sept. 22, 1838	*Henry N. Bissell	—	Apr. 1, 1881	36	73	109	0	30	4	0	2	4	0	6	1	0	249
Bruce	July 31, 1833	Jacob Flook	—	July 1, 1882	††0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chesterfield	Feb. 13, 1847	Ward I. Hunt	—	Aug. 1, 1879	17	29	46	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Columbus	Sept. 29, 1851	Zachary Eddy	—	Oct. 1, 1873	38	50	88	24	9	1	1	1	3	0	4	0	0	80
Detroit, 1st	Dec. 25, 1844	Moses Smith	—	Oct. 5, 1879	129	290	419	35	6	16	25	9	33	0	6	1	1	250
Detroit, 2d	Apr. 3, 1866	Robt W. Wallace	—	Apr. 27, 1881	107	201	308	23	14	27	33	3	8	0	14	3	3	275
Detroit, Trumbull Ave.	Apr. 27, 1881	†Abram B. Allen	—	Mar. 18, 1883	36	78	114	8	16	14	28	1	11	0	0	1	12	550
Detroit, Fort Wayne	Mar. 20, 1858	Robert Parsons	—	Sept. 1, 1882	14	34	48	4	1	1	17	0	0	0	0	1	1	196
Flat Rock	Sept. 3, 1872	Andrew O. Cossar	—	Mar. 1, 1880	13	28	41	2	9	2	3	0	4	0	7	1	2	156
Inlay City	Sept. 16, 1866	Wm. Woodmansee	—	Sept. 1, 1878	11	17	28	10	5	1	10	0	2	0	2	8	2	50
Lexington	June 24, 1840	Charles A. Perry	—	Aug. 27, 1882	36	86	122	37	0	0	6	0	5	0	0	2	3	115
Memphis	Mar. 14, 1878	Henry S. Jenkinson	—	Mar. 4, 1883	26	42	68	10	0	0	14	0	1	1	2	0	0	100
Metamora	Apr. 2, 1871	†Marcus S. Angell	—	Dec. 1, 1879	††0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Baltimore	Oct. 20, 1868	Jacob Flook	—	June 25, 1882	12	17	29	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	70
Oakwood	Jan. 18, 1853	Elihu Loomis	—	May 14, 1882	18	37	55	14	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	95
Oxford	Feb. 27, 1877	Chas. H. Keays	—	May 21, 1882	21	26	47	5	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	75
Pontiac	Feb. 6, 1831	A. Hastings Ross	—	June 1, 1876	60	137	197	43	2	6	8	5	0	0	0	1	1	100
Fort Huron	Sept. 2, 1854	—	—	—	92	183	275	50	4	5	9	2	6	9	23	1	2	275
Fort Sanilac	June 13, 1833	Austin H. Norris	—	July 1, 1882	11	21	32	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Richmond	June 27, 1872	†J. Monroe Lyon	—	Dec. 16, 1882	††0	48	67	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rochester	July 1, 1827	Sullivan F. Gale	—	May 6, 1883	19	87	117	25	3	4	11	1	1	0	2	6	1	100
Romeo	Aug. 16, 1828	**Richard Vivian	—	June 1, 1881	30	87	117	39	0	7	7	1	3	0	4	1	0	100
Royal Oak	Aug. 13, 1842	Clarence Eddy	—	June 1, 1881	72	134	206	38	1	0	11	1	5	0	6	1	2	195
St. Clair	Jan. 10, 1841	Malan H. Wright	—	Oct. 1, 1880	17	39	56	17	8	0	16	0	2	0	2	0	0	65
Utica	Aug. 20, 1843	—	—	—	27	80	107	12	1	3	4	0	4	0	4	1	1	93
Wayne	Oct. 11, 1878	‡Andrew M. Cross	—	—	62	141	203	54	0	0	0	0	11	3	17	1	2	85
White Rock	—	—	—	—	3	11	14	0	2	0	2	3	—	—	5	0	0	140
Total	32	—	—	—	999	2123	3122	503	107	123	230	88	140	41	224	34	55	3822

\*Of the Presbytery of Detroit. †Of the Presbytery of Kalamazoo. ‡Unassociated. §Of Genesee Conference. \*\*Of Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec. ††No report since 1878. ‡‡No report since 1879. §§Licentiate of Genesee Conference.

## EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 12, 1840.

Scribe, Rev. P. R. HURD.

Registrar of Conference, Rev. R. W. WALLACE.

*Meetings:—Second Tuesday in October and February.*

## MINISTERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Simeon O. Allen,	December 1, 1870,	Editor,	Elizabeth, N. J.
Robert G. Baird,	Feb. 11, 1859,	Sec. Ag. Col.	Lansing.
John A. Baldwin,	Oct. 14, 1875,	Without Charge,	Detroit.
Daniel Berney,	Feb. 21, 1836,	Without Charge,	Port Sanilac.
Edward A. Berry,	Sept. 4, 1870,	Teacher,	St. Clair.
Spencer R. Bonnell,	July 2, 1878,	Minister,	Unionville, Ohio.
Samuel D. Breed,	Feb. 19, 1862,	Without Charge,	Ypsilanti.
Anselm B. Brown,	June 20, 1873,	Teacher,	Detroit.
Motier A. Bullock,	Oct. 19, 1876,	Minister,	Silverton, Col.
Andrew O. Cossar,	Aug. 15, 1876,	Minister,	Imlay City.
F. W. Dickinson,	June 17, 1868,	Minister,	W. Williamsfield, O.
Clarence Eddy,	April 5, 1865,	Minister,	St. Clair.
Zachary Eddy,	March 16, 1835,	Minister,	Detroit.
Jacob Flook,	Nov. 23, 1880,	Minister,	New Haven.
Sullivan F. Gale,	June 23, 1861,	Minister,	Romeo.
N. Dimic Glidden,	April 9, 1859,	Minister,	Hubbardston.
Nelson Green,	May 2, 1858,	Minister,	Detroit.
Robert Hovenden,	Nov. 21, 1860,	Minister,	Wacousta.
Ward I. Hunt,	June 4, 1854,	Minister,	Columbus.
Philo R. Hurd,	July 1, 1840,	Without Charge,	Detroit.
Henry S. Jenkinson,	June 18, 1882,	Minister,	Metamora.
Thomas Jones,	Sept. 6, 1837,	Without Charge,	Detroit.
Chas. H. Keays,	Aug. 1, 1882,	Minister,	Oxford.
Edward D. Kelsey,	April 21, 1881,	Minister,	Almont.
Harvey D. Kitchel,	Feb. 20, 1839,	Without Charge,	East Liverpool, O.
James D. Liggett,	Dec. 18, 1859,	Without Charge,	Detroit.
Elihu Loomis,	Oct. 22, 1851,	Minister,	Oakwood.
Martin Lowry,	April 24, 1864,	Minister,	Port Sanilac.
David C. McNair,	Oct. 30, 1879,	Without Charge,	Wayne.
Austin H. Norris,	Dec. 22, 1872,	Minister,	Richmond.
Robert Parsons,	May 10, 1854,	Minister,	Flat Rock.
Charles H. Perry,	Oct. 16, 1882,	Minister,	Memphis.
Samuel Phillips,	Feb. 13, 1838,	Without Charge,	Disco.
A. Hastings Ross,	Oct. 17th, 1861,	Minister,	Port Huron.
Moses Smith,	Feb. 21, 1859,	Minister,	Detroit.
Edward P. Stone,	Oct. 14, 1861,	Without Charge,	Arkdale.
Oren C. Thompson,	Nov. --, 1834,	Without Charge,	Detroit.
Robert W. Wallace,	May 26, 1872,	Minister,	Detroit.
William P. Wastell,	June --, 1832,	Retired,	Clinton.
William Woodmansee,	Dec. 10, 1871,	Minister,	Lexington.
Malan H. Wright,	March 16, 1822,	Minister,	Utica.

*Licentiate.*

Robert Humphrey,

Gaylord.

# IV.—GENESEE CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.	
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.		Infants.
Alma	Aug. 3, 1871	Charles H. Stevens	June 1, 1881	June 1, 1881	14	22	36	8	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	75
Alpena	Mar. 2, 1862	*Ansel W. Westgate	Sept. 21, 1879	Sept. 21, 1879	97	147	244	37	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	4	0	250
Bancroft	June 30, 1880	Henry W. Mercer	June 10, 1883	June 10, 1883	6	9	15	4	5	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
Bay City	July 25, 1875	William W. Lytle	Jan. 1, 1881	Jan. 1, 1881	48	90	138	25	0	0	19	0	1	0	0	2	10	81
Breckenridge	June 24, 1881	Charles H. Stevens	June 1, 1881	June 1, 1881	6	16	22	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Bridgeport	Jan. 11, 1868	Walter D. King	June 1, 1880	June 1, 1880	6	17	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
East Fulton	July 11, 1866	Frank I. Bristol	Apr. 1, 1882	Apr. 1, 1882	104	273	377	42	0	0	16	4	0	0	0	2	4	300
East Saginaw	Oct. 7, 1857	†Franklin Noble	May 1, 1883	May 1, 1883	29	37	66	9	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	90
East Tawas	Nov. 5, 1876	Alfred T. Waterman	Nov. 1, 1882	Nov. 1, 1882	34	110	144	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	7	175
Essexville	Apr. 24, 1879	John B. Dawson	Apr. 1, 1879	Apr. 1, 1879	34	110	144	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	7	90
Flint	Oct. 26, 1867	Lester B. Platt	May 1, 1883	May 1, 1883	14	32	46	12	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	6	50
Geneee	Apr. 21, 1857	Richard M. Burgess	July 1, 1882	July 1, 1882	18	27	45	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82
Goodrich	Feb. 28, 1855	Wilfred M. Kellogg	Nov. 13, 1881	Nov. 13, 1881	13	38	51	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	82
Grand Blanc	July 13, 1833	Payette Hurd	Oct. 1, 1881	Oct. 1, 1881	19	32	51	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
Harland Center	Apr. 4, 1844	George E. Lincoln	June 1, 1880	June 1, 1880	15	25	39	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	75
Itasca	June 7, 1866	Frank L. Bristol	Feb. 1, 1883	Feb. 1, 1883	14	30	45	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Lainburg	Aug. 7, 1864	†A. A. Doyle	June 1, 1883	June 1, 1883	33	47	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maple Rapids	Apr. 26, 1868	John B. Dawson	June 1, 1879	June 1, 1879	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Munger	June 15, 1879	Horatio A. Barker	Apr. 16, 1878	Apr. 16, 1878	22	59	81	24	3	7	10	4	1	0	5	0	0	75
Oakley	Mar. 3, 1871	John T. Husted	Apr. 17, 1881	Apr. 17, 1881	36	121	157	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	310
Ovid	June 11, 1853	George H. Wilson	Dec. 10, 1882	Dec. 10, 1882	15	23	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Owosso	Nov. 6, 1879	Jonathan E. Richards	Apr. 1, 1877	Apr. 1, 1877	42	95	137	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Perry	Nov. 6, 1875	William C. Calla d	Aug. 13, 1882	Aug. 13, 1882	13	30	43	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	4	150
Roscommon	Apr. 1, 1860	†John Jones	June 1, 1883	June 1, 1883	5	13	18	1	0	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	170
St. Johns	Aug. 9, 1882	**Walter Radford	Dec. 24, 1882	Dec. 24, 1882	25	35	60	5	0	0	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	40
Standish	Feb. 23, 1879	George E. Lincoln	Oct. 1, 1881	Oct. 1, 1881	15	22	37	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Tawas City	Aug. 5, 1877	†James Verney	May 6, 1883	May 6, 1883	23	34	57	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
Tyrene	Dec. 17, 1876	Richard M. Burgess	Apr. 1, 1882	Apr. 1, 1882	24	20	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125
Vernon	Jan. 11, 1851				11	28	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Victor	May 24, 1845				16	42	58	9	4	1	5	1	0	0	0	4	0	80
Vienna	Nov. 12, 1877																	
Total	32				737	1511	2248	231	67	118	189	31	82	13	126	24	61	2979
*Of Norfolk Association, Mass. †Of Hampshire Cong'l Union, Eng. ‡Of Nassau Presbytery, N. Y. §Licentiate of Lansing Association.																		
††Of Marshall Conference. ‡‡Of Monmouth Association, Eng. **Of Nottinghamshire Cong'l Union, Eng. ‡‡‡Last Year's report.																		

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 ††Of Marshall Conference. ‡‡Of Monmouth Association, Eng. \*\*Of Nottinghamshire Congl Union, Eng. †††Last Year's report.

GENESEE CONFERENCE.

Formed October 15, 1845.

Scribe, Rev. ALFRED T. WATERMAN.

*Meetings:—The Fourth Tuesday in April and October.*

### MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Theophilus C. Abbott,	June 7, 1867,	Pres. Ag. Col.	Lansing.
Horatio A. Barker,	Oct. 10, 1852,	Minister,	Oakley.
Frank L. Bristol,	Oct. 21, 1875,	Minister,	Ithaca.
Richard M. Burgess,	Dec. 23, 1875,	Minister,	Clio.
William C. Calland,	Dec. 7, 1880,	Minister,	St. Louis.
John B. Dawson,	Oct. 19, 1860,	Minister,	Essexville.
Warren F. Day,	May 2, 1866,	Minister,	East Saginaw.
Lewis P. Frost,	Sept. 20, 1850,	Without Charge,	Janesville, Wis.
Fayette Hurd,	Oct. 1, 1863,	Minister,	Grand Blanc.
John T. Husted,	Oct. 4, 1868,	Minister,	Ovid.
Wilfred M. Kellogg,	Sept. 30, 1872,	Minister,	Goodrich.
Walter D. King,	Nov. 16, 1881,	Minister,	Bridgeport.
Lucius O. Lee,	Nov. 17, 1875,	Missionary,	Marash, Turkey.
George E. Lincoln,	Aug. 24, 1878,	Minister,	Hartland.
William W. Lyle,	Sept. 3, 1850,	Minister,	Bay City.
J. Monroe Lyon,	Dec. 2, 1879,	Minister,	Rochester.
Lester B. Platt,	Nov. 5, 1877,	Minister,	Flint.
Jonathan E. Richards,	Sept. 3, 1876,	Minister,	St. Johns.
Edwin Rose,	Sept. 30, 1874,	Minister,	Bowling Green, O.
Samuel Sessions,	Oct. 9, 1832,	Retired.	St. Johns,
Edwin W. Shaw,	Sept. --, 1858,	Without Charge,	Lansing.
Charles H. Stevens,	Sept. 13, 1881,	Minister,	Alma.
Alfred T. Waterman,	Nov. 9, 1864,	Minister,	East Tawas.
George H. Wilson,	Sept. 6, 1876,	Minister,	Owosso.

*Licentiates.*

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# V.—GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.			MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.					ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Ada, 1st.	Sept. 28, 1849	*Thomas Parker.		June 21, 1882	14	34	48	14	0	0	0	1	4	0	5	0	0	0
Ada, 2d.	Dec. 15, 1875	*Thomas Parker.		June 25, 1882	9	11	20	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allendale.	Sept. 1, 1871	†Clarence Finster		June 1, 1881	21	25	46	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Alpine and Walker.	Jan. 2, 1869	†John Sailor.		May 6, 1883	11	14	26	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Bradley.	Nov. 20, 1879	†Henry H. Smith		Nov. 27, 1881	14	19	33	2	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	120
Cannon.	June 6, 1846	Danforth L. Eaton		May 1, 1881	26	37	63	3	32	0	37	2	0	0	0	0	0	60
Cannonsburg.	Mar. 27, 1875	Danforth L. Eaton		May 1, 1881	7	19	26	0	3	5	3	0	3	0	0	5	0	60
Cedar Springs.	May 9, 1874	†Ozro N. Hunt		May 15, 1882	12	16	28	0	2	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	70
Dorr.	Aug. 27, 1857	Geo. Candee		Aug. 1, 1881	56	74	130	15	11	5	16	0	0	0	0	3	0	45
Dorr Village.	Nov. 11, 1875	†Thomas G. Baxter		Jan. 1, 1883	4	8	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	130
East Irving.	Mar. 27, 1877				9	7	16	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastmanville.	Mar. 9, 1866				15	9	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Wayland.	June 3, 1880				15	7	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Freeport.	May 2, 1877				13	18	31	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Grand Rapids, 1st.	Sept. 13, 1836	J. Morgan Smith		Sept. 10, 1863	177	389	566	100	11	13	24	4	10	2	2	4	0	35
Grand Rapids, 2d.	Mar. 22, 1870	Henry Uiterwyk		Mar. 24, 1880	26	58	84	3	9	5	14	0	5	0	14	6	1	363
Grand Rapids, South.	Dec. 12, 1878	Ben. F. Sargent	Ins.	Jan. 1, 1880	33	104	137	12	32	5	37	1	9	0	15	2	0	175
Grandville.	June 1, 1839	Edwin Booth		May 1, 1877	9	24	33	2	0	1	0	1	3	0	6	7	7	350
Hudsonville.	Feb. 11, 1877	†John McGregor		Apr. 27, 1883	14	11	25	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	50
Irving.	June 4, 1877	W. S. Bugbey		Oct. 13, 1878	14	18	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	40
Lamont.	Dec. 18, 1849				17	32	49	7	0	0	7	0	5	0	0	0	0	25
Lowell.	Feb. 13, 1856	James M. Van Wagner		Oct. 15, 1881	13	18	31	6	2	3	5	0	1	2	0	1	0	45
Middleville.	Apr. 5, 1846	W. S. Bugbey		Oct. 27, 1878	20	49	69	5	4	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	45
Paris.	May 2, 1860				**9	18	27	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	85
Rockford.	Feb. 23, 1847	†Hector A. McIntyre		May 1, 1883	15	38	53	15	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	3	0	89
Sand Lake.	Feb. 8, 1880	†Wm. A. Fowler		Oct. 1, 1882	1	7	8	0	0	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Sebewa.	Dec. 20, 1870				1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	145
Wayland.	June 5, 1860	Geo. Candee		Aug. 1, 1881	9	24	33	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	100
Total.	28				547	1128	1675	212	114	54	168	16	62	10	88	62	13	2306

\*Of Worcestershire County Association, England. †Of Western Conference. ‡Of Kalamazoo Association. ††Graduate of Bangor.  
 —unordained. ‡‡Student of Yale Seminary. ††Unassociated. ††Last year's report. ‡‡Report of 1881.

## GRAND RIVER CONFERENCE.

Formed January 8, 1846.

Scribe, Rev. EDWIN BOOTH.

*Meetings:— On the Second Tuesday in April and October.*

### MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Darius Bettes,	June 10, 1848,	Without Charge,	Ionia.
Edwin Booth,,	Feb. 13, 1866,	Minister,	Grandville.
W. S. Bugbey,	Oct. 22, 1875,	Minister,	Middleville.
Wm. H. Cairnduff,	June 7, 1874,	Minister,	Frankfort.
Wm. E. Caldwell,	Feb. 10, 1863,	Minister,	Onondaga.
Geo. Candee,	Nov. 4, 1862,	Minister,	Wayland.
Danforth L. Eaton,	March 1, 1848,	Minister,	Lowell.
Nathaniel K. Evarts,	Feb. --, 1850,	Minister,	Coral.
D. W. Francis,	Aug. 30, 1878,	Minister,	Mazon, Ill.
Henry M. Holliday,	March 6, 1866,	Without Charge,	Olivet.
Ira B. Jones,	Sept. 21, 1860,	Minister,	Alba.
John A. Kaley,	March 10, 1876,	Without Charge,	Carey, O.
James A. McKay,	Oct. 10, 1844,	Minister,	Grand Junction.
Benj. Moore,	Nov. 4, 1857,	Without Charge,	Middleville.
Wm. H. Osborne,	Oct. 15, 1839,	Without Charge,	Lowell.
Norman L. Otis,	Sept. 18, 1859,	Minister,	Crystal.
Geo. A. Pollard,	Sept. 26, 1855,	Without Charge,	Grand Rapids.
Wm. G. Puddefoot,	Jan. 29, 1880,	Minister,	St. Ignace.
Ben. F. Sargent,	June 22, 1877,	Minister,	Grand Rapids.
J. Morgan Smith,	Aug. 1, 1860,	Minister,	Grand Rapids.
Raynsford Taylor,	June 21, 1878,	Minister,	California.
Henry Uiterwyk,	Oct. 28, 1866,	Minister,	Grand Rapids.
James M. Van Wagner,	Jan. 1, 1846,	Minister,	Lowell.
Levi F. Waldo,	July 9, 1844,	Minister,	Shelby.

# VI.—GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.		ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.				
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Pro'ession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.		Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.
Almira-----	Dec. 18, 1864	Geo. Benford-----	-----	May 1, 1881	9	9	18	4	1	1	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Benzonia-----	June 8, 1860	Albert L. Gridley-----	-----	Aug. 20, 1875	52	57	109	8	1	5	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Brown-----	Sept. 27, 1877	Richard Redeoff-----	-----	May 1, 1880	11	15	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cleon and Marilla-----	June 24, 1872	Geo. Benford-----	-----	May 1, 1881	5	6	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Empire-----	Mar. 8, 1876	Geo. Benford-----	-----	May 1, 1881	21	23	44	4	4	4	7	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Frankfort-----	Jan. 26, 1868	Robert Adams-----	-----	Oct. 15, 1882	11	14	25	6	3	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Glen Arbor-----	Aug. 11, 1867	Geo. Benford-----	-----	May 1, 1881	14	22	36	11	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	9	0
Homestead-----	Sept. 3, 1864	Darius N. Goodrich-----	-----	May 28, 1882	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
Joyfield-----	Apr. 4, 1878	*Charles W. Carrick-----	-----	June 17, 1883	9	14	23	11	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Leeland-----	July 10, 1865	John B. Roberts-----	-----	Oct. 29, 1882	6	10	16	6	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	0
Old Mission-----	Nov. 26, 1879	Lewis F. Hale-----	-----	Aug. 1, 1877	20	25	45	0	10	8	10	0	0	0	0	10	5	5
Onekama (German)-----	Sept. 28, 1874	Enos B. Scott-----	-----	Mar. 15, 1882	12	11	23	2	2	0	23	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Onekama (English)-----	May 23, 1882	Joseph D. Millard-----	-----	May 1, 1881	5	15	24	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pleasanton-----	Jan. 28, 1866	Richard Redeoff-----	-----	May 1, 1880	10	9	19	2	2	0	1	7	0	0	0	2	2	0
Sherman-----	Sept. 24, 1872	Geo. Benford-----	-----	May 1, 1881	11	12	23	1	1	3	14	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Solon-----	Sept. 21, 1869	†William R. Seaver-----	-----	Feb. 1, 1882	39	58	97	0	2	12	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Traverse City-----	Feb. 1, 1863																	
White Water-----																		
Total-----	18				241	304	545	63	42	40	82	9	10	0	19	18	10	
																		940

\*Northern Association of Indiana. †Of Western Conference.



## GRAND TRAVERSE CONFERENCE.

Formed January 1, 1863.

Scribe, Rev. A. L. GRIDLEY.

*Meetings:—Third Tuesday in January and Fourth Tuesday in June.*

### MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Robert Adams,	July --, 1876,	Minister,	Frankfort.
Chas. E. Bailey,	-----1855,	Séc. G. T. Col.,	Benzonia.
George Benford,	Aug. 31, 1881,	Minister,	Solon.
Darius N. Goodrich,	June 19, 1865,	Minister,	Benzonia.
Albert L. Gridley,	Jan. 18, 1876,	Minister,	Benzonia.
Lewis E. Hale,	June 12, 1877,	Minister,	Bear Lake.
Elihu Linkletter,	Aug. 17, 1876,	Farmer,	Almira.
Joseph D. Millard,	July 8, 1862,	Minister,	Bear Lake.
Daniel Miller,	Sept. 9, 1868,	Farmer,	Glen Arbor.
Richard Redeoff,	June 7, 1861,	Minister,	Sherman.
John B. Roberts,		Minister,	Old Mission.
Enos B. Scott,	April 3, 1882,	Minister,	Onokama.
J. Malcom Smith,	April 4, 1863,	Without Charge,	Olivet.

# VII.—JACKSON CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.		
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.		Adults.	Infants.
Ann Arbor-----	Mar. 23, 1847	William H. Ryder-----	-----	May 1, 1877	132	177	309	48	14	17	31	6	37	2	45	6	3	200
Augusta-----	Apr. 18, 1854	*William H. Blair-----	-----	July 1, 1879	28	35	63	18	8	0	8	3	2	0	5	0	0	50
Chelsea-----	Feb. 21, 1849	Thomas Holmes-----	-----	Sept. 1, 1877	47	92	139	14	0	3	3	1	5	0	6	0	0	200
Dexter-----	Oct. 4, 1837	Otis B. Waters-----	-----	Nov. 1, 1882	5	24	29	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Grass Lake-----	Dec. 16, 1835	John Patchin-----	-----	Dec. 1, 1879	31	83	114	9	15	4	19	0	4	0	4	0	0	85
Hamburg-----	Jan. 17, 1878	-----	-----	-----	6	17	23	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	50
Jackson-----	Mar. 6, 1841	Jesse W. Hough-----	Rec.	Sept. 1, 1879	122	323	455	34	18	26	44	5	15	6	26	8	7	400
Leslie-----	Apr. 9, 1865	William C. Allen-----	-----	June 10, 1883	20	51	71	10	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	65
Michigan Center-----	Mar. 9, 1869	John Patchin-----	-----	May 9, 1880	8	17	25	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Napoleon-----	May 25, 1855	-----	-----	-----	† 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Leon-----	Jan. 4, 1877	John Patchin-----	-----	Nov. 1, 1880	8	10	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
Pineckney-----	June 26, 1848	Kendrick H. Crane-----	-----	Apr. 1, 1880	13	36	49	5	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	2	90
Salem-----	Nov. 2, 1867	*Mills B. Gelston-----	-----	Dec. 1, 1879	18	25	43	5	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	55
Sandstone-----	Mar. 4, 1869	†Joseph Swindt-----	-----	Apr. 1, 1881	21	30	51	12	0	0	0	4	2	1	7	3	3	50
Summit-----	Oct. 15, 1851	-----	-----	-----	37	58	95	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Union City-----	Mar. 7, 1837	Helmas H. VanAuker-----	-----	Dec. 30, 1877	84	165	249	35	1	3	4	1	7	0	11	0	0	0
Webster-----	Feb. 26, 1860	Otis B. Waters-----	-----	Nov. 1, 1882	25	35	60	11	1	6	7	4	2	0	3	1	1	104
Ypsilanti-----	Oct. 4, 1881	George H. Grammis-----	-----	Oct. 4, 1881	24	82	106	0	22	27	59	2	2	0	4	6	1	150
Total-----	18	-----	-----	-----	629	1270	1899	244	85	93	178	31	79	9	119	31	18	1681

\*Of Detroit Presbytery. †Of Lansing Presbytery. ‡No Report since 1880.

## JACKSON ASSOCIATION.

Formed May 1, 1866.

Scribe, Rev. KENDRICK H. CRANE.

Registrar of Conference, Rev. OTIS B. WATERS.

*Meetings:—Third Tuesday in April and October, at 1½ P. M.*

## MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
William C. Allen,	June 11, 1873,	Minister,	Leslie.
Kendrick H. Crane,	March 4, 1874,	Minister,	Pinckney.
Martin L. D'Ooge,	Oct. 16, 1878.	Prof., Mich. Un.,	Ann Arbor.
Isaac M. Frey.	Sept. 17, 1874,	Minister,	Valley City, Dak.
George H. Grannis,	Nov. 1, 1876.	Minister,	Ypsilanti.
Thomas Holmes,	Nov. 3, 1844,	Minister,	Chelsea.
Jessie W. Hough,	Mar. 13, 1859,	Minister,	Jackson.
John Patchin.	July, 25, 1850,	Minister,	Grass Lake.
William G. Roberts,	Sept. 10, 1872.	Minister,	Spn'g Valley, Minn.
William H. Ryder,	Dec. 14, 1869.	Minister,	Ann Arbor.
Helmas H. VanAuken.	Dec. 8, 1864.	Minister,	Union City.
Otis B. Waters,	Feb. 12, 1861,	Minister,	Webster.

# VIII.—KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.		
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.		Adults.	Infants.
Alamo-----	Dec. 3, 1867	Nathan <sup>1</sup> D. Lauphear	-----	June 1, 1881	14	45	59	0	1	2	3	1	7	0	8	1	0	81
Allagan-----	June 10, 1858	Isaac W. McKeever	-----	Sept. 4, 1881	49	93	142	21	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	0	215
Augusta-----	July 26, 1849	Edward H. Harvey	-----	Sept. 15, 1882	36	63	99	0	0	2	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	80
Bangor-----	Jan. 24, 1883	Albert B. Cochran	-----	Jan. 1, 1883	6	13	19	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	1	0	76
Benton Harbor	June 13, 1866	William H. Brewster	-----	Jan. 1, 1883	34	59	93	31	0	4	16	1	1	0	4	0	1	140
Bridgeman-----	Nov. 20, 1879	Porter B. Parrey	-----	Oct. 1, 1879	11	15	26	0	0	0	10	1	3	0	2	0	2	85
Coloma-----	June 16, 1853	**Willis E. Parsons	-----	May 20, 1883	7	12	19	0	1	2	10	1	1	0	0	2	0	41
Cooper-----	Mar. 8, 1843	Elizur Andrus	-----	Mar. 1, 1881	32	51	83	7	0	1	3	2	6	0	4	0	2	160
Covert-----	Sept. 27, 1870	Levi P. Spelman	-----	Aug. 17, 1879	25	48	73	7	0	2	3	1	3	0	8	0	0	250
Dowagiac-----	July 9, 1850	Peter W. Perry	-----	Jan. 1, 1882	30	65	95	15	0	2	4	2	3	0	5	1	0	125
Galesburg-----	Aug. 18, 1852	Edward C. Winslow	-----	Oct. 1, 1881	57	96	153	0	0	0	9	4	2	0	0	0	2	30
Ganges-----	Apr. 24, 1880	-----	-----	-----	7	9	16	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
Grand Junction	Sept. 19, 1881	*James A. McKay	-----	Nov. 1, 1881	20	17	37	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Hopkins, 1st-----	Aug. 4, 1857	Henry H. Smith	-----	Nov. 22, 1881	10	14	24	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	99
Hopkins, 2d-----	Mar. 27, 1878	Henry H. Smith	-----	Nov. 22, 1881	115	199	314	37	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	75
Kalamazoo, 1st-----	June 6, 1835	Charles O. Brown	-----	Feb. 6, 1881	54	131	185	55	1	8	26	0	7	0	7	5	3	311
Kalamazoo, Plymouth	May 25, 1869	John P. Sanderson	-----	Apr. 1, 1882	9	22	31	6	0	0	3	0	5	0	6	1	0	209
Keeler-----	July 7, 1850	†Clement J. Strand	-----	Sept. 1, 1882	5	23	28	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	30
Lawrence-----	Aug. 19, 1857	Park A. C. Bradford	-----	Sept. 20, 1882	56	17	73	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
Matawan-----	July 2, 1867	†Ambrose S. Wight	-----	Apr. 22, 1883	24	55	79	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	75
Osego-----	Jan. 7, 1837	Frank A. Bissell	-----	Jan. 7, 1883	46	114	160	20	0	4	6	0	0	0	23	0	0	153
Saugatuck-----	Jan. 11, 1860	†Alexander D. Stowell	-----	June 3, 1883	42	86	128	31	0	4	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	200
South Haven-----	July 2, 1856	Wm. H. Skentleberry	-----	Nov. 1, 1881	34	65	99	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	175
St. Joseph-----	Apr. 28, 1854	-----	-----	-----	15	21	36	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	95
Three Oaks-----	Mar. 12, 1848	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	100
Vicksburg-----	Oct. 25, 1865	Moses M. Martin	-----	Jan. 1, 1880	749	1353	2102	277	42	72	133	15	72	6	93	16	17	3010
Total-----	26	-----	-----	-----	749	1353	2102	277	42	72	133	15	72	6	93	16	17	3010

\*Of Grand River Conference. †Licentiate. ‡Unassociated. §Of Lansing Association. \*\*Student of Princeton Seminary. ††Last Year's Report. ‡‡Relation not given.

## KALAMAZOO ASSOCIATION.

Formed June 1, 1849.

Registrar, Rev. LEVI P. SPELMAN.

*Meetings:—First Tuesday in April and October.*

### MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
John Allworth,	March 10, 1874,	Without Charge,	Detroit.
Elizur Andrus,	Sept. 27, 1850,	Minister,	Cooper.
Thomas G. Baxter,	March 19, 1883,	Minister,	Dorr.
Park A. C. Bradford,	July 30, 1879.	Minister,	Lawrence.
William H. Brewster,	July 8, 1838,	Minister,	Benton Harbor,
Frank A. Bissell,	March 28, 1882.	Minister,	Otsego.
Chas. O. Brown,	April 28, 1875,	Minister,	Kalamazoo.
Albert B. Cochran,	Feb. 28, 1882.	Minister,	Bangor.
Joseph S. Graves,	April 10, 1843,	Without Charge,	Niles.
Edward H. Harvey,	May —, 1872,	Minister,	Augusta.
Ozro N. Hunt,	Sept. 21, 1878,	Minister,	Cedar Springs.
John S. Kidder,	Sept. 12, 1843,	Retired,	Hopkins.
Nathaniel D. Lanphear,	Nov. 16, 1876,	Minister,	Alamo.
Isaac W. McKeever.	Oct. 20, 1861,	Minister,	Allegan.
Moses M. Martin,	Aug. 25, 1864,	Minister,	Three Oaks.
Geo. R. Milton,	Jan. 18, 1876.	Minister,	Winnebago, Ill.
Porter B. Parrey,	Sept. 29, 1847,	Minister,	Bridgeman.
Peter W. Perry,	Sept. 14, 1856,	Minister,	Dowagiac.
John Sailor,	June 10, 1848,	Minister,	Grand Rapids.
John P. Sanderson,	Aug. 20, 1876.	Minister,	Kalamazoo.
Levi P. Spelman,	May 2, 1860,	Minister,	Covert.
Henry H. Smith,	Sept. 7, 1873,	Minister,	Hopkins.
James F. Taylor,	Jan. 11, 1835.	Without Charge,	Saugatuck.
Charles Temple,	Oct. —, 1851,	Retired,	Otsego.
Chauncey F. VanAuken,	Sept. 14, 1879,	Minister,	Charlevoix.
Waters Warren,	——, 1832,	Retired,	Three Oaks.
Edward C. Winslow,	Nov. 2, 1881,	Minister,	Galesburg,
Newel S. Wright,	August 7, 1873,	See Business,	Detroit.
<i>Licentiate.</i>			
Clement J. Strang,	- - - - -	- - - - -	Keeler.

# IX.—LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.			BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Calumet-----	July, 19, 1873	Robert M. Higgins--	Ins.	July 25, 1880	65	76	141	8	10	8	18	1	2	0	3	0	19	296
Hancock-----	June 4, 1862	Frank N. White-----	Ins.	Oct. 9, 1881	64	133	197	19	27	15	42	2	7	0	9	2	10	385
Total-----	2				129	209	338	27	37	23	60	3	9	0	12	2	29	681

## LAKE SUPERIOR CONFERENCE.

Formed —

Scribe, C. W. NILES, M. D.  
Hancock.*Meetings:—*

## MINISTERIAL MEMBERS,

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Robt. M. Higgins,	Nov. 17, 1880,	Minister,	Calumet.
Frank N. White,	Dec. 17, 1881,	Minister,	Hancock.

# X.—LANSING ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.		
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.		Adults.	Infants.
Carson City	June 16, 1872	Darrall Lee,	---	June 24, 1883	23	25	48	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Coral	Nov. 24, 1872	*Nathaniel K. Everts.	---	Feb. 24, 1882	11	25	36	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0
Crystal	May 6, 1877	*Norman L. Otis.	---	Nov. 15, 1880	6	8	14	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Delta	Nov. 24, 1852	†Robert Hovenden	---	June 3, 1883	6	11	17	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edmore	Aug. 12, 1879	Henry Marsh.	---	May 15, 1880	6	14	20	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Grand Ledge	Jan. 21, 1864	Drummond McCunn	---	Jan. 12, 1883	9	23	32	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greenville	June 5, 1852	James L. Patton.	---	Jan. 1, 1866	57	119	176	0	19	11	30	4	0	0	0	17	0	0
Hubbardston	Mar. 13, 1855	†N. Dimic Glidden.	---	July 16, 1882	31	47	78	12	2	5	7	1	3	0	4	3	2	0
Ionia	May 9, 1868	*Darius Bettes.	---	Mar. 11, 1883	11	34	45	16	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lakeview	Oct. 15, 1880	Theodore P. Prudden.	Ins.	Dec. 1, 1874	105	200	305	47	2	3	21	4	12	0	16	2	4	0
Lansing	Apr. 26, 1864	†Joseph A. Barnes.	---	June 1, 1883	2	6	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leroy Township	May 14, 1880	†Stephen H. Cheadle.	---	June 1, 1883	5	3	8	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Millbrook	Feb. 25, 1877	George W. Bothwell.	---	Oct. 22, 1881	65	125	190	35	18	4	22	3	7	0	10	8	0	0
Portland	Feb. 4, 1843	Jessie A. S. Worden.	---	Mar. 1, 1883	9	29	38	6	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	0	0	0
Saranac	Oct. 28, 1871	†John W. Thrush.	---	Nov. 1, 1882	6	25	31	7	4	1	5	0	0	2	2	4	0	0
Sheridan	Sept. 23, 1877	---	---	---	*30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Simyrna	Mar. 21, 1868	Augustine G. Hibbard	---	Feb. 1, 1883	30	48	78	33	6	4	10	3	17	1	21	4	1	1
Stanton	Mar. 7, 1874	†Robert Hovenden	---	Dec. 7, 1882	13	34	47	4	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	1
Wacousta	July 8, 1862	†Joseph A. Barnes.	---	June 1, 1883	5	12	17	1	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Williamston	Oct. 18, 1878	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	20	---	---	---	406	794	1200	194	60	51	111	19	55	4	78	37	13	1487

\*Of Grand River Conference. †Of Eastern Association. ‡Of Northern Central Conference. §Of Congregational Union of England. \*\*No report since 1879. ¶Of Staffordshire Congregational Union. ¶Rel. not given.



## LANSING ASSOCIATION.

Formed March 30, 1880.

Scribe, Rev. HENRY MARSH.

*Meetings:—Fourth Monday of March and September.*

## MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
*Stephen A. Barnard,	Jan. 13, 1830,	Retired,	Lansing.
George W. Bothwell,	Oct. 3, 1875,	Minister,	Portland.
Henry E. Brown,	Sept. 13, 1866,	Evangelist,	Lansing.
John J. Bunnell,	Oct. 1, 1860,	Sec. Business,	Cedar Creek.
Augustine G. Hibbard,	Dec. —, 1854,	Minister,	Stanton.
Henry Marsh,	April 23, 1875,	Minister,	Edmore.
Drummond McCunn,	June 20, 1880,	Minister,	Grand Ledge.
Charles Parker,	Oct. 9, 1870,	Farmer,	Salem, Oregon.
James L. Patton,	Oct. 28, 1862,	Minister,	Greenville.
Theodore P. Prudden,	Dec. 22, 1874,	Minister,	Lansing.
Wm. H. Skentlebury,	July 7, 1875,	Minister,	South Haven.
Leroy Warren,	Oct. 12, 1862,	Supt. H. Missions,	Lansing.
James Watts,	Sept 6, 1857,	Sec. Business,	Shelby.
Jesse A. S. Worden,	Sept. 26, 1867,	Minister,	Saranac.

*Licentiate.*

A. A. Doyle,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Laingsburg.
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\*Died June 24th, 1883.

# XI—MARSHALL CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.			ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.			
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.		Total.	Adults.	Infants.
Bedford	June 25, 1848	Frederick W. Bush	---	Apr. 1, 1883	22	37	59	0	1	1	2	1	19	0	20	1	0	116
Bronson	May 7, 1868	John R. Bonney	---	May 7, 1868	19	53	72	21	1	1	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	70
Ceresco	May 5, 1869	Stephen O. Bryant	---	Nov. 1, 1881	13	25	38	14	9	2	11	1	1	0	2	6	0	65
Charlotte	Jan. 26, 1851	Orange H. Spoor	---	Aug. 7, 1881	75	178	253	31	3	7	10	6	7	0	13	1	0	275
Chester	Apr. 29, 1879	Andrew J. Hadley	---	Apr. 1, 1883	22	31	53	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
East Johnstown	Mar. 6, 1865	Fred. C. Wood	---	Oct. 3, 1880	8	28	36	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	50
East Newton	Oct. 27, 1882	Henry Coate	---	Sept. 1, 1882	10	30	40	0	15	3	18	0	0	0	0	12	0	120
Eaton Rapids	June 15, 1843	Dwight P. Breed	Ins.	May 9, 1880	32	77	109	4	7	5	12	1	5	0	6	8	5	140
Fredonia	Apr. 26, 1863	Henry Coate	---	Sept. 3, 1882	35	58	93	19	15	0	15	0	62	0	62	11	0	50
Johnstown & Barry	Nov. 30, 1865	Fred. C. Wood	---	Nov. 14, 1880	8	17	25	3	4	1	5	0	0	3	3	3	0	40
Kalamo	May 10, 1867	Andrew J. Hadley	---	Apr. 1, 1883	9	21	30	1	1	0	1	0	7	0	7	0	0	30
Leroy	Mar. 14, 1837	---	---	---	35	36	71	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	40
Marshall	---	---	---	---	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nashville	Apr. 9, 1883	*Albert Livermore	---	Feb. 1, 1883	5	11	16	1	2	14	16	0	0	0	0	2	0	135
North Johnstown	May 15, 1878	---	---	---	**3	7	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olivet	Mar. 20, 1845	H. Q. Butterfield	---	Sept. 20, 1876	131	171	302	94	8	12	20	3	31	0	34	1	3	214
Onondaga	Oct. 6, 1877	Henry M. Goodwin	---	Oct. 1, 1875	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Pottersville	June 21, 1872	Joseph L. Daniels	---	Oct. 1, 1880	11	28	39	4	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	111
Vermontville	Feb. 28, 1838	Joseph Estabrook	---	Oct. 1, 1880	9	16	25	0	0	0	0	2	14	0	16	0	0	60
Walton	Apr. 26, 1877	†William E. Caldwell	---	Apr. 5, 1882	79	142	221	74	25	2	27	3	15	1	19	20	0	189
		†John F. Malcome	---	May 26, 1880	10	15	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Horace R. Williams	---	Apr. 16, 1877	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Charles Spooner	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total	20				536	981	1517	285	94	50	144	20	169	4	193	68	9	1655

\*Of Chippewa and Mackinac Conference. †Of Grand River Conference. ‡Of Congregational Union of Ontario. §No report since 1881.

\*\*Last Year's Report.

## MARSHALL CONFERENCE.

Formed August 18, 1847.

Scribe, Rev. D. PAYSON BREED.

*Meetings:—On the last Wednesday in April and October.*

## MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Miles E. Bacon,	Dec. 29, 1880,	Minister,	Ashton, Dak. Ter.
Walter M. Barrows,	Nov. 1, 1872,	Sec'y A. H. M. S.,	New York City.
John R. Bonney,	Jan. 18, 1863,	Minister,	Bronson.
D. Payson Breed,	Jan. 15, 1873,	Minister,	Eaton Rapids,
Stephen O. Bryant,	Feb. 13, 1868,	Minister,	Ceresco.
Frederick W. Bush,	May 6, 1876,	Minister,	Bedford.
Horatio Q. Butterfield,	Oct. 5, 1854,	President,	Olivet.
Cornelius S. Cady,	Sept. 2, 1845,	Retired,	Ann Arbor.
Henry Coate,	July 8, 1874,	Minister,	Marshall.
Joseph L. Daniels,	April 27, 1876,	Professor,	Olivet.
Joseph Estabrook,	Oct. -- 1852,	Professor,	Olivet.
Reuben Everts.	Sept. 30, 1858,	Without Charge,	Battle Creek.
Henry M. Goodwin,	Feb. 19, 1851,	Professor,	Olivet.
Andrew J. Hadley,	Sept. 16, 1874,	Minister,	Olivet.
Oramel Hosford,	Feb. 24, 1858.	Professor,	Olivet.
William A. James,	May 1st, 1867,	Minister,	Minneapolis, Minn.
A. M. McConnoughey,	Aug. 23, 1842,	Without Charge,	Wahyamega.
Henry C. Morse,	Feb. 12, 1846,	Farmer,	Union City.
Oliver E. Murray,	Sept 11, 1878,	Minister,	Plankinton Dak.
Charles Spooner,	Sept. 18, 1837,	Minister,	Olivet.
Orange H. Spoor,	Nov. 1, 1861,	Minister,	Charlotte.
James Verney,	Oct. 7, 1868,	Minister,	Vernon.
Horace R. Williams,	May 5, 1864,	Minister,	Vermontville.
Wolcott B. Williams,	Feb. 2, 1854,	Agt. Olivet Coll'ge,	Charlotte.
Fred. C. Wood,	March 22, 1881,	Minister,	Lacey.

## XII.—NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.				NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.	Infants.	
Baldwin	Oct. 26, 1879	John Morley	---	May 21, 1881	5	9	14	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	30
Big Rapids	Dec. 3, 1876	William McCracken	---	Mar. 12, 1882	14	51	65	0	15	10	25	3	1	0	4	7	1	100
Chase	Sept. 15, 1873	John Morley	---	Jan. 22, 1882	7	19	26	4	3	4	7	0	4	0	6	0	0	70
Clare	Dec. 26, 1872	Matthew S. Gray	---	Feb. 25, 1882	8	35	43	3	15	1	16	0	0	0	0	7	4	80
Custer	Oct. 23, 1879	Alexander Falconer	---	July 1, 1882	3	4	7	1	0	4	4	0	8	0	8	0	0	40
East Lake	Mar. 15, 1882	Wm. T. Beale	---	Apr. 16, 1882	7	6	13	4	2	6	8	0	5	0	5	0	0	60
Farwell	Dec. 22, 1872	Matthew S. Gray	---	Feb. 25, 1882	8	10	18	3	2	2	4	2	0	0	2	2	0	70
Hersey	June 25, 1870	*Newton B. Kelley	---	June 3, 1883	10	19	29	10	14	1	15	1	12	0	13	0	0	75
Ludington	July 9, 1870	Russell M. Keyes	---	Oct. 1, 1881	29	66	95	22	14	9	27	2	3	0	4	7	1	200
Manistee	July 20, 1862	Edmund B. Fairfield	---	Sept. 1, 1882	102	165	267	67	19	18	37	0	0	0	5	0	0	250
Maxwell	June 1, 1882	Wm. E. Silience	---	Jan. 30, 1881	6	6	12	0	10	4	14	0	0	0	2	0	2	100
Reed City	Dec. 28, 1872	†Lewis J. Thomas	---	July 1, 1883	26	41	67	14	1	3	4	0	8	0	8	1	0	75
Tallman	May —, 1881	Alexander Falconer	---	July 1, 1882	9	8	17	0	4	0	4	0	1	0	1	4	2	50
Total	13				234	439	673	128	75	55	130	10	48	2	60	35	14	1200

\*Licentiate of New Haven Central Association. †Of Hancock Conference, Me.

NORTHERN CENTRAL CONFERENCE.

Formed March 12, 1873.

Scribe, Rev. J. A. BARNES

*Meetings:—Second Tuesday in March and Fourth Tuesday in September.*

MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Joseph A. Barnes,	Sept. 29, 1881,	Minister,	Williamston.
George L. Beach,	May 22, 1873,	Minister,	Dakota.
William T. Beale,	June 7, 1882,	Minister,	Manistee.
Leander Curtiss,	Feb. 25, 1856,	Minister,	Croton.
Alexander Falconer,	Sept. 14, 1879,	Minister,	Custer.
Edmund B. Fairfield,	June 15, 1845.	Minister,	Manistee.
Matthew S. Gray,	Jan. 9, 1857,	Minister,	Farwell.
William McCracken,	Mar. 23, 1862,	Minister,	Big Rapids.
John Morley,	July 7, 1874,	Minister,	Chase.
Wm. E. Sillence,	July 2, 1879,	Minister,	Manistee.
Russell M Keyes,	Aug. 3, 1865,	Minister,	Ludington.

*Licentiate.*

Alvin C. Finn, - - - - - Manton.

# XIII.—SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.	
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Pro-ession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.	Total.	Adults.		Infants.
Canandaigua.....	Mar. 29, 1859	John Van Antwerp.....	---	Nov. 1, 1874	9	24	33	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	60
Clinton.....	Jan. 19, 1853	Elisha W. Miller.....	---	Apr. 1, 1882	36	98	134	20	0	2	2	5	14	5	24	0	1	126
Dundee.....	Nov. 29, 1837	-----	---	-----	7	15	22	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	50
Franklin (Tipton P. O.)	Feb. 16, 1848	-----	---	-----	19	24	43	5	0	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	87
Hudson.....	Feb. 24, 1836	-----	---	-----	53	87	140	20	21	3	24	6	3	0	9	21	0	295
Jerome.....	Jan. 25, 1867	-----	---	-----	5	11	16	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50
Litchfield.....	July 14, 1839	-----	---	-----	40	95	135	6	16	5	21	1	9	1	11	9	1	175
London.....	Mar. 25, 1838	-----	---	-----	7	11	18	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	60
Maybee.....	Mar. 19, 1880	-----	---	-----	1	8	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Morenci.....	Mar. 17, 1858	-----	---	-----	24	50	74	4	5	2	7	0	2	0	2	5	0	125
North Adams.....	Mar. 16, 1847	-----	---	-----	33	80	113	13	3	4	7	1	0	0	1	3	0	120
Prattville.....	May 26, 1875	-----	---	-----	18	22	40	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	50
Raisinville.....	June 13, 1849	-----	---	-----	8	7	15	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Ransom.....	May 19, 1848	-----	---	-----	19	26	45	0	5	2	7	1	5	0	6	1	0	102
Somerset.....	Nov. 30, 1858	-----	---	-----	31	47	78	3	6	2	8	0	1	0	1	1	0	115
West Adrian.....	Dec. 28, 1867	-----	---	-----	17	34	51	2	6	0	6	0	4	0	4	2	0	80
Wheatland.....	Mar. 4, 1843	-----	---	-----	42	68	110	16	21	2	23	0	4	0	4	14	0	190
Total.....	17				369	707	1076	118	86	24	110	16	52	6	74	56	2	1755

\*Of Northern Indiana Association. †Of Protestant Methodist Connection. ‡Licentiate of Free Baptist Church.

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Formed June 17, 1848.

Scribe, Rev. E. W. MILLER.

*Meetings:—Third Monday in April and October at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.*

### MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained.</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Jesse P. Borton,	Oct. 20, 1880,	Minister,	Ranson.
Edwin T. Branch,	Feb. 21, 1849,	Minister,	Somerset.
Theron G. Colton,	Sept. 25, 1849,	Minister,	Hudson.
Sawyer B. Downer,	May 12, 1875,	Minister,	Prattville.
Edmund Dyer,	Oct. -- 1836,	Minister,	Southfield.
Samuel Fleming,	Dec. -- 1847,	Without Charge,	Burr Oak.
Lysander Kelsey,	Sept. -- 1846,	Minister,	Maybee.
Asa Mahan,		Without Charge,	London, Eng.
Elisha W. Miller,	Oct. 23, 1873,	Minister,	Clinton.
Calvin S. Shattuck,	Oct. 16, 1849,	Minister,	Litchfield.
J. D. Shults,	Sept. 30, 1865,	Secular Business,	Dundee.
William D. Stout,		Secular Business,	Lickley's Corners.
John VanAntwerp,	Oct. -- 1847,	Minister,	Morenci.
George E. Wilson,	July 11, 1875,	Secular Business,	Pittsford.

*Licentiate.*

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# XIV.—WESTERN CONFERENCE.

CHURCHES.		MINISTERS.		NO. IN CHURCHES.			ADMISSIONS.		REMOVALS.				BAPT.		Whole Number in Sunday School.			
Name.	Organized.	Minister.	Relation.	Commenced Labor.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excom.		Total.	Adults.	Infants.
Croton-----	June 3, 1871	*Leander Curtiss-----	---	Oct. 8, 1882	9	16	25	3	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Fremont Centre-----	July, 24, 1875	Francis Wrigley-----	---	Feb. 1, 1882	4	9	13	2	3	4	7	0	0	2	2	2	0	50
Fruitport-----	Dec. 29, 1873	†Wm. Jones-----	---	Jan. 7, 1883	††6	17	23	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Grand Haven-----	Apr. 25, 1858	†James A. Craig-----	---	May 20, 1883	15	29	44	0	0	2	2	1	4	0	5	0	0	100
Hart-----	Jan. 29, 1868	Rufus W. Fletcher-----	---	May --, 1883	**0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muskegon-----	Apr. 7, 1859	Miner W. Fairfield-----	---	Feb. 1, 1881	59	155	214	36	4	19	23	1	7	0	8	3	0	410
Newaygo-----	May 20, 1855	†Wm. Jones-----	---	Jan. 7, 1883	8	24	32	2	6	0	6	0	4	0	4	6	0	79
Nunica-----	Jan. 11, 1874	Clarence Finster-----	---	Sept. 29, 1877	7	9	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
Olive-----	Apr. 30, 1875	Clarence Finster-----	---	Sept. 29, 1877	16	26	42	16	0	1	1	0	8	2	10	0	0	60
Pentwater-----	Jan. 24, 1866	Clarence Finster-----	---	Sept. 29, 1877	5	24	29	5	3	0	3	0	0	2	2	2	0	65
Robinson-----	Feb. 24, 1877	†Levi F. Waldo-----	---	Jan. 1, 1883	38	49	87	5	10	13	23	0	0	2	2	6	3	150
Shelby-----	May 15, 1864	John Jefferies-----	---	Sept. 1, 1882	5	17	22	0	0	2	2	2	6	0	8	0	2	60
White Cloud-----	Dec. 20, 1877	Richard Lewis-----	---	Mar. 1, 1883	19	39	58	9	2	3	5	0	2	0	2	0	0	65
Whitehall-----	May 5, 1868																	
Total-----	14				193	422	615	95	30	45	75	4	33	27	64	19	5	1226

\*Of Northern Central Conference. †Of Free Methodist Conference of Michigan. ‡Of Grand River Conference. †Unassociated. \*\*No Report since 1881. ††Last Year's Report.



## WESTERN CONFERENCE.

Formed January 13, 1864.

Scribe, REV. RICHARD LEWIS.

*Meetings:—Third Tuesday in March and September.*

### MINISTERIAL MEMBERS.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Ordained</i>	<i>Employment.</i>	<i>Residence.</i>
Miner W. Fairfield,	Oct. -- 1847,	Minister,	Muskegon.
Clarence Finster,	March 24, 1878,	Minister,	Allendale.
Rufus W. Fletcher,	Jan. 5. 1875,	Minister,	Hart.
James P. Galiger,	Aug. 8, 1878.		
Henry M. Goodell,	Dec. 21, 1876,	Minister,	Blair, Neb.
John Jefferies,	June -- 1877,	Minister,	White Cloud.
Adam S. Kedzie,	June 3, 1845,	Editor,	Grand Haven,
Richard Lewis,	Feb. 28, 1864,	Minister,	Whitehall,
John C. Mitchell,	June 16, 1880,	Student,	Yale Seminary,
William Rufus Seaver,	March 31, 1869,	Minister,	Traverse City.
W. J. Smith,	April -- 1844,	Farmer,	Whitehall.
Francis Wrigley,	Sept. 11, 1878.	Minister,	Fremont Center.

# SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883.

CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS.	CHURCHES.					MINISTERS.					NO. IN THE CHURCHES.				ADMISSIONS.			REMOVALS.				B.A.P.		No. in the Sunday School.		
	No. of Churches in the Conferences.	Supplied by Pastors.	Supplied by not Installed.	Supplied by other Denominations.	Total Supplied.	Vacant.	Installed Pastors.	Not Installed.	Without Charge.	Total.	Licentiates.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Profession.	Letter.	Total.	Deaths.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Total.	Adults.		Infants.	
Cheboygan Conference-----	13	0	12	0	12	1	0	9	3	9	3	144	225	369	34	62	19	81	2	10	0	12	40	9	684	
Chippewa and Mackinac Con.	10	0	8	0	8	2	0	4	1	5	1	62	68	130	10	20	9	29	1	10	1	12	1	24	237	
Eastern Con. and Association	32	5	21	2	28	6	5	36	16	41	1	999	2123	3122	503	107	123	230	38	140	41	224	34	55	3822	
Genesee Conference-----	32	1	27	0	28	4	1	23	4	24	3	737	1511	2248	231	67	118	189	31	82	13	126	24	61	2979	
Grand River Conference-----	28	1	20	0	21	7	1	23	6	24	0	547	1128	1675	212	42	54	168	16	62	10	88	62	13	2306	
Grand Traverse Conference-----	18	0	15	0	15	3	0	13	4	13	0	241	304	545	63	44	40	82	9	10	0	19	18	10	940	
Jackson Con. and Association	18	1	14	2	15	3	1	11	1	12	1	629	1270	1899	244	42	93	178	31	79	9	119	31	18	1681	
Kalamazoo Association-----	26	0	24	0	24	2	0	28	0	28	0	749	1353	2102	277	85	72	133	15	72	6	93	16	17	3010	
Lake Superior Conference-----	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	9	209	338	27	37	23	60	3	9	4	12	2	29	681
Lansing Association-----	20	1	17	0	18	3	1	13	6	14	1	406	794	1200	194	60	51	111	19	55	4	193	68	13	1687	
Marshall Conference-----	20	1	16	0	17	3	1	24	11	25	1	536	981	1517	285	64	50	144	20	169	4	193	68	9	1655	
Northern Central Conference	13	0	13	0	13	0	0	11	0	11	1	234	439	673	128	75	55	130	10	48	2	60	35	14	1200	
Northern Michigan Confunce-	17	1	12	2	15	3	1	13	5	14	1	369	707	1076	118	86	24	110	16	52	6	74	56	2	1755	
Western Conference-----	14	0	11	1	12	1	0	12	4	12	0	193	422	615	95	30	45	75	4	33	27	64	19	5	1226	
Total-----	263	13	210	8	221	38	13	220	68	233	12	5975	11534	17509	2421	921	776	1720	215	831	123	1174	443	279	23863	

## CHANGES.

CHURCHES.—New.—Bangor, Dexter, (Restored to list,) East Lake, East Newton, Maple Valley, Maxwell, Nashville, Naubinway, Oakley, Onekama (English), St. Louis.—11.  
 —Disbanded.—Hunters Creek, Tusht.—2.  
 MINISTERS.—ORDAINED.—Thos. G. Baxter, Wm. T. Beale, Henry S. Jenkinson, Chas. S. Keays, Arthur B. Penniman, Chas. H. Perry, Enos B. Scott.—7.  
 RECOGNIZED.—J. W. Hough.—1.  
 DISMISSED.—None.  
 DEATHS.—William Mulder, Alonzo Sanderson, Geo. M. Tutill.—3.  
 NOT ASSOCIATED.—M. S. Angell, J. A. Craig, Wm. A. Fowler, A. B. Penniman, A. S. Wight.—5.  
 Changes in uninstalled Ministers not mentioned.

## BENEVOLENCES.

## A TABULAR VIEW OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS

*Of the Congregational Churches of Michigan, for the objects named,  
from March 31, 1882, to April 1, 1883.*

CHURCHES.	A. B. C. F. M.	American Home Mis- sionary Society.	American Missionary Association.	Congregational Uni. n.	Congregational Publish- ing Society.	Western Education So- ciety.	American Bible Society.	Other Benevolences.	Total Benevolences.
<i>Cheboygan Conference.</i>									
Alba		\$ 3 62							\$ 3 62
Banks, (Atwood P. O.)		20 00							20 00
Berryville		5 00							5 00
Cheboygan		25 50		\$23 00					46 50
Gaylord		23 00							25 00
Kalkaska		5 50		7 16					12 66
Mancelona		39 51		1 19					40 70
Manton		4 00							4 00
Northport	\$28 75	58 66	\$16 80	11 19		\$11 19		\$15 00	141 59
Vanderbilt		5 00							5 00
Westwood		2 75		2 00					4 75
	28 00	192 54	16 80	44 54		11 19		15 00	308 82
<i>Chippewa and Mack- inac Conference.</i>									
Bay Mills					2 00				2 05
Mt. Zion		1 75							1 75
Pine Grove		4 00							4 00
St. Ignace		13 50		5 00					18 50
Sugar Island	4 00	27 70			5 00				36 70
Superior		7 35							7 35
	4 00	54 30		5 00	7 00				70 30
<i>Eastern Conference.</i>									
Almont	23 25	35 25	26 72				15 14	50 00	150 36
Armada	35 31	51 00	26 51	21 40					134 22
Chesterfield		8 80							8 80
Columbus	20 16	38 95	8 74						67 85
Detroit, 1st	616 16	498 86	213 15					3,829 49	5,157 66
Detroit, 2nd	872 93	1,015 16	171 39	770 05	71 55	846 06	10 00	2,117 00	5,874 14
Detroit, Trumbull Ave	25 92	23 04						42 26	91 22
Detroit, Fort Wayne		43 20						31 00	74 20
Flat Rock	5 00	6 00	4 00						15 00
Imlay City		48 50							48 50
Lexington	14 00	36 75	10 00	6 35					67 10
Memphis		2 00							2 00
Metamora	6 00	15 75	10 00						31 75
New Baltimore		29 00							29 00
New Haven		29 00							29 00
Oakwood	15 00	3 05						6 00	24 05
Orion		16 20							16 20
Oxford		12 67		2 50					15 17
Pontiac	51 82	14 41	2 45				4 08		72 76
Port Huron	132 50	76 31	43 50	33 50	34 50	26 00		103 20	449 51
Port Sanilac	5 00	12 08		3 68					20 76
Richmond	23 50	31 00	1 50						56 00

CHURCHES.	A. B. C. F. M.	American Home Missionary Society.	American Missionary Association.	Congregational Union.	Congregational Publishing Society.	Western Education Society.	American Bible Society.	Other Benevolences.	Total Benevolences.
<i>Eastern Conference.</i>									
Rochester	8 13								8 13
Romeo	473 55	371 87	125 00					55 00	1025 42
Royal Oak		4 00		5 00					9 00
St. Clair		35 54			3 94				39 48
Utica	39 05	25 00	10 00	5 00				2 00	81 05
Wayne	20 00	21 00	11 65						52 65
White Rock		5 05		1 75					6 80
	2387 28	2509 44	664 61	849 23	109 99	872 06	29 22	6235 95	\$13657 78
<i>Genesee Conference.</i>									
Alma		14 00							14 00
Alpena	77 83	84 08	82 21					108 00	424 00
Bay City	35 25	40 00					20 00	190 00	285 25
Breckenridge		9 50							9 50
Bridgeport	2 02	18 00		4 00	4 00				28 02
East Fulton		11 54							11 54
E. Saginaw, No report									
East Tawas		20 00							20 00
Essexville		12 00							12 00
Flint, No report									
Genesee		10 00							10 00
Goodrich				7 00				5 00	12 00
Grand Blanc	33 30	37 69	22 50					6 70	100 19
Ithaca		13 00							13 00
Laingsburg		35 00		5 00					40 00
Oakley								100 00	100 00
Ovid		40 00							40 00
Owosso	29 82	11 15							40 97
Perry		36 97							36 97
Roscommon		9 73							9 73
St. Johns	13 01	19 35					7 93		40 29
St. Louis								5 00	5 00
Standish		13 50							13 50
Tawas City		26 28							26 28
Tyrone		2 75		2 50					5 25
Vernon		20 85							20 85
Vienna, P. O. Clio	15 06	31 72	15 30					6 25	68 33
	206 29	517 11	120 01	18 50	4 00		27 93	492 95	1386 79
<i>Grand River Conference.</i>									
Ada, 1st		22 91		3 37					26 28
Ada, 2nd		5 85		2 00					7 85
Allendale	5 00	30 70	6 13	4 45				13 00	59 28
Alpine and Walker	25 00	1 00		9 00					35 00
Bradley		10 05	3 22	3 00					16 27
Cedar Springs		18 00							18 00
Dorr								33 34	33 34
Dorr Village		10 34							10 34
Eastmanville		2 33					2 72		5 05
Freeport					20 00				20 00
Grand Rapids, 1st	280 00	373 98	183 00					2,360 00	3,196 98
Grand Rapids, 2nd	10 00	11 10		2 63					23 73
Grand Rapids, South	42 50	48 50	6 93	1 20				30 00	129 13
Grandville	3 00	20 00		2 00			1 00	2 00	28 00
Hudsonville		12 00							12 00
Lamont		4 30							4 30
Lowell		23 36							23 36
Middleville	4 31	10 53	64 61	4 25				107 64	191 34
Rockford		20 00							20 00
	369 81	624 95	263 89	31 90	20 00		3 72	2,545 98	3,860 25

CHURCHES.	A. B. C. F. M.	American Home Missionary Society.	American Missionary Association.	Congregational Union.	Congregational Publishing Society.	Western Education Society.	American Bible Society.	Other Benevolences.	Total Benevolences.
<i>Grand Traverse Conference.</i>									
Almira		5 85							5 85
Benzonia	61 92	30 95	10 38					152 00	255 25
Empire		3 87							3 87
Frankfort		24 24		3 48					27 72
Glen Arbor		6 78							6 78
Leland			7 00						7 00
Cleon and Marilla		5 97							5 97
Old Mission		14 50							14 50
Onkama, German								25 00	25 00
Onkama, English		10 00							10 00
Pleasanton	5 00								5 00
Solon		17 60							17 60
Traverse City		50 00	10 00						60 00
	66 92	169 76	27 38	3 48				177 00	444 54
<i>Jackson Conference.</i>									
Ann Arbor	472 12	317 90	146 92	37 85				1077 50	2052 29
Augusta	10 85	12 80						30 17	53 82
Chelsea	51 10	250 00	426 50				42 00		769 60
Dexter	10 00	10 00	10 00						30 00
Grass Lake	37 00	56 50	18 00						111 50
Jackson	945 95	700 00	315 00	155 00	50 00			672 35	2,842 30
Leslie			3 37				59		3 96
Michigan Center		9 00							9 00
North Leoni		5 00							5 00
Pinckney		25 00	7 00						32 00
Salem	13 06	41 00							54 06
Summit	6 47	62 82	6 47						75 76
Union City	131 00	176 48	112 50					56 00	475 83
Webster	30 31	37 75	13 00	10 25				45 75	137 06
Ypsilanti	12 40	22 50							34 90
	1,724 26	1,726 75	1,058 76	203 10	50 00		42 59	1,881 77	6,686 23
<i>Kalamazoo Association.</i>									
Alamo	7 15	26 60		25 43					59 18
Allegan		58 25	36 10					65 00	159 35
Augusta		26 75							26 75
Benton Harbor	3 21	40 00							43 21
Bridgeman	7 53	20 40	12 00						39 93
Goloma		2 00							2 00
Cooper	30 00	25 00							55 00
Covert	10 00	53 00	11 00	31 50				947 70	1,053 20
Dowagiac		26 32	14 42	10 63					51 37
Galesburg	8 00	50 00	12 00				6 56		76 56
Grand Junction		75 00							75 00
Hopkins, 1st		10 64	2 39	2 00					15 03
Hopkins, 2nd		13 75	8 75	6 00					28 50
Kalamazoo, 1st	206 00	266 00	246 00	9 85			10 95	1,650 00	2,388 80
Kalamazoo, Plymouth	15 00	46 50	10 00	28 00				32 18	131 68
Keeler		3 10		2 35					5 45
Lawrence		13 20		2 15					15 35
Mattawan		11 80	25	3 00				200 00	215 05
Otsego		14 75							14 75
Saugatuck	15 50	26 12							41 62
South Haven	20 00	20 00		25 00			50 00	100 00	215 00
St. Joseph	33 00	63 75		25 25				25 00	147 00
Three Oaks	50 00	60 85	40 00	13 00				75 00	238 85
Vicksburg		17 00							17 00
	405 39	970 78	392 91	184 16			67 51	3,094 88	5,115 65

CHURCHES.	A. B. C. F. M.	American Home Missionary Society.	American Missionary Association.	Congregational Union.	Congregational Publishing Society.	Western Education Society.	American Bible Society.	Other Benevolences.	Total Benevolences.
<i>Lake Superior Conference.</i>									
Calumet .....	237 50	40 00	251 62	128 88	-----	47 48	40 47	283 62	1,029 57
Hancock .....	102 03	134 70	45 00	48 65	-----	-----	-----	146 15	476 53
	339 53	174 70	296 62	177 53	-----	47 48	40 47	429 77	1,506 10
<i>Lansing Association.</i>									
Carson City .....	-----	29 96	-----	5 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	34 96
Crystal .....	-----	5 00	-----	2 00	-----	-----	-----	15 00	22 00
Delta .....	-----	11 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	11 00
Edmore .....	-----	14 50	-----	5 00	-----	-----	-----	3 00	22 50
Grand Ledge .....	-----	22 00	-----	-----	-----	8 00	-----	-----	30 00
Greenville .....	50 00	140 26	50 00	44 26	50 00	-----	100 00	320 86	755 38
Hubbardston .....	7 17	15 00	4 00	14 00	-----	-----	-----	15 00	55 17
Ionia .....	-----	8 19	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8 19
Lakeview .....	-----	3 50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3 50
Lansing .....	217 89	377 88	52 80	60 12	-----	40 00	-----	538 13	1,286 82
Portland .....	23 00	54 00	50 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	150 00	277 00
Saranac .....	-----	24 00	-----	4 43	-----	-----	-----	-----	28 43
Sheridan .....	-----	20 42	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20 42
Wacousta .....	13 50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20 00	33 50
Williamston .....	-----	19 75	-----	2 71	-----	-----	-----	-----	22 46
	311 56	745 46	156 80	137 52	50 00	40 00	108 00	1,061 99	2,611 33
<i>Marshall Conference.</i>									
Bronson .....	-----	10 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	10 00
Ceresco .....	19 00	28 00	-----	52	52	52	-----	52	49 08
Charlotte .....	20 00	172 59	20 00	14 78	-----	-----	-----	400 00	627 37
East Johnstown .....	9 86	8 02	-----	10 00	-----	-----	-----	5 00	32 88
East Newton .....	-----	3 15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3 15
Eaton Rapids .....	72 55	61 07	22 54	7 52	7 47	-----	-----	125 00	296 15
Johnstown & Barry .....	2 00	15 00	1 00	4 00	-----	-----	-----	2 50	24 50
Leroy .....	-----	32 45	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	32 45
Olivet .....	352 57	247 40	189 53	-----	-----	11 90	-----	-----	801 40
Onondaga .....	-----	8 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8 00
Pottersville .....	-----	25 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	25 00
Vermontville .....	104 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	104 00
Walton .....	9 77	-----	3 10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	12 87
	580 75	610 68	236 17	36 82	7 99	12 42	-----	533 02	2,026 85
<i>Northern Central Conference.</i>									
Baldwin .....	-----	1 88	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1 88
Big Rapids .....	3 00	27 44	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	30 44
Chase .....	-----	8 67	-----	2 51	5 00	-----	3 14	-----	19 32
Clare .....	-----	8 00	-----	4 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	12 00
Custer .....	-----	1 25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1 25
Farwell .....	-----	12 50	-----	12 50	-----	-----	-----	-----	25 00
East Lake .....	-----	9 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9 00
Hersey .....	-----	25 00	5 00	5 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	35 00
Ludington .....	50 00	49 00	40 00	16 00	-----	-----	-----	150 00	305 00
Manistee .....	303 84	67 00	59 84	-----	-----	-----	-----	450 00	880 68
Maxwell .....	-----	3 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3 00
Reed City .....	5 00	16 33	-----	22 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	43 33
Tallman .....	-----	4 04	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4 04
	361 84	233 11	104 84	62 01	5 00	-----	3 14	600 00	1,369 94

CHURCHES.	A. B. C. F. M.	American Home Missionary Society.	American Missionary Association.	Congregational Union.	Congregational Publishing Society.	Western Education Society.	American Bible Society.	Other Benevolences.	Total Benevolences.
<i>Southern Mich. Conference.</i>									
Canandaigua -----	5 00	12 00	5 00						22 00
Clinton -----	26 05	24 93	18 16	9 20				5 76	84 10
Dundee -----		10 15							10 15
Franklin (Tipton P. O.) -----		14 00							14 00
Hudson -----	40 58	87 40	17 76		5 40	6 00	3 50		160 64
Litchfield -----	28 66	31 50	55 00					65 58	180 74
Maybee -----		3 08		3 00				10 00	16 08
Morenci -----	16 10	33 00	10 00						59 10
North Adams -----	15 00	19 50	7 00	4 00				15 00	60 50
Raisinville -----	7 00	13 10							20 10
Ransom -----		27 16							27 16
Somerset -----	51 82	56 00	20 00						127 82
West Adrian -----		30 00	10 00						40 00
Wheatland -----	26 00	43 58	16 00						85 58
	216 21	405 40	158 92	16 20	5 40	6 00	3 50	96 34	907 97
<i>Western Conference.</i>									
Croton -----		11 00		3 50	9 40				23 90
Fremont Centre -----		10 11	4 25	3 50					17 86
Grand Haven -----	2 00	5 00							7 00
Muskegon -----	110 00	145 75	40 00	29 00	22 00		40 00	407 16	793 91
Newaygo -----		13 50		2 25			1 35	31 00	50 10
Olive -----		10 00							10 00
Pentwater -----		12 50		5 35					17 85
Robinson -----		15 00		2 00					11 00
Shelby -----		18 42	13 25	20 00				2 72	54 39
White Cloud -----		50 00							50 00
Whitehall -----		25 75		25 00					50 75
	112 00	319 03	57 50	90 60	31 40		41 35	440 88	1,092 76

**A TABULAR VIEW OF THE CLERKS OF THE SEVERAL CHURCHES WITH THEIR P. O. ADDRESS:**  
*Of the amount of Ministers' Salaries and other Expenses; together with the Estimated Value of the Church Edifices and Parsonages, the amount of Permanent Funds, and the Number of Families in the Parishes.*

NAME OF CHURCH.	NAME OF CHURCH CLERK.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	PARISH EXPENSES. From April 1, 1882, to April 1, 1883.		ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.			No. of Families in the Parish.
			Amount of Minister's Sal- ary, including Rent of Par- sonage.	Amount of Parish Expen- ses, exclusive of Minister's Salary.	Church Edifice.	Parsonage.	Perman't Funds.	
<i>Cheboygan Conference.</i>								
Alba.....	W. J. Barker.....	Alba.....	\$ 600 00	\$ 12 00	\$2,250 00	\$350 00	\$10 00	61
Banks, (Atwood P. O.).....	Mrs. L. M. Kanagy.....	Atwood.....	525 00	2,338 00			25 00	72
Berryville.....	Mrs. Maggie Gagner.....	Berryville.....	250 00	7 00				20
Cheboygan.....	W. T. Vanderbilt.....	Cheboygan.....	1000 00	100 00	3,500 00		80 00	48
Excelsior.....	Mrs. R. G. Lewis.....	Kalkaska.....	200 00					20
Gaylord.....	W. S. Fillmore.....	Gaylord.....	500 00	100 00	1,200 00			50
Kalkaska.....	E. P. Beebe.....	Kalkaska.....	350 00		1,600 00			
Mancelona.....	Mrs. Louisa G. Swan.....	Mancelona.....	700 00	75 00	1,500 00			50
Manton.....	Mrs. A. E. Woodward.....	Manton.....	300 00					10
Northport.....	Rev. E. E. Kirkland.....	Northport.....	550 00	940 54	2,150 00	950 00		45
Vanderbilt.....	John Yuille.....	Vanderbilt.....	250 00		400 00			32
Westwood.....	Wm. H. Anderson.....	Westwood.....	29 36		500 00			12
			\$5,254 36	\$3,572 54	\$13,100 00	\$1,300 00	\$115 00	420
<i>Chippewa and Mackinac.</i>								
Bay Mills.....	William Curry.....	Bay Mills.....	\$ 13 00					10
Maple Valley.....	James E. Londry.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	85 00					7
Mount Zion.....	R. H. Campbell.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	77 00					10
Naubinway.....	Wm. J. McKelvy.....	Naubinway.....	368 00					49
Pine Grove.....	Thos. Knowles.....	Sault Ste. Marie.....	23 50		3,000			13
St. Ignace.....	F. R. Hulbert.....	St. Ignace.....	13 78					5
St. Mary East.....								



Sugar Island Superior	P. S. Church Mary F. Gowan	Sault Ste. Marie Bay Mills	\$600 00 30 75	\$1,211 03	\$12,594 65	\$245,300 00	\$10,450 00	5,286 00	1680
<i>Eastern Conference.</i>									
Almont	Mrs. Hiram Sherman	Almont	800 00		175 00	25,000 00	1,000 00		145
Armada	E. D. A. True	Armada	650 00		250 00	1,200 00			60
Chesterfield	C. C. Dennison	Milton, Macomb Co.	300 00			1,300 00		36 00	18
Columbus	N. B. Clark	Adair, St. Clair Co.	575 00			600 00	800 00		70
Detroit, 1st	Francis Raymond	Detroit	3,500 00		325 00	45,000 00			150
Detroit, 2nd	L. M. Curtis	88 Joy Street, Detroit	2,500 00		2,180 00	45,000 00			
Detroit, Trumbull Ave.	Roman A. Bissell	155 Fort Street, Detroit	1,500 00		3,325 54	45,000 00		500 00	60
Detroit, Fort Wayne	James R. Walker	71 and 73 Jeff, Ave., Det.	1,200 00		700 00	3,500 00		50 00	60
Flat Rock	J. H. Peters	Flat Rock	400 00		235 00	3,000 00		25 00	26
Imlay City	N. B. Eldredge	Imlay City	760 00		97 00	3,000 00	1,300 00		60
Lexington	Chas. S. Nims	Sand Beach	700 00		128 27	3,600 00			
Memphis	Mrs. W. P. Russell	Memphis	600 00		100 00	3,000 00			
Metamora	John T. Clark	Hunter's Creek	725 00		175 00	3,300 00	1,350 00		60
New Baltimore	Dea. W. C. Milton	New Baltimore	600 00		225 00	3,500 00			
New Haven	Mrs. J. L. Fuller	New Haven	400 00		147 00	1,800 00			40
Oakwood	Benjamin Giddings	Oakwood			75 00	2,000 00	800 00		47
Orion	A. S. Warner	Orion	400 00		700 00	2,500 00			60
Oxford	John W. Betty	Oxford	400 00		50 00	5,000 00			25
Pontiac	A. P. Frost	Pontiac	675 00		375 00	10,000 00		600 00	50
Port Huron	N. Cawthorne	Port Huron	2,300 00		1,110 00	18,500 00	5,000 00	4,000 00	125
Port Sanilac	Julius A. Hosmer	Port Sanilac	387 50		75 00	2,500 00			
Richmond	Seth Lathrop	Richmond	750 00		130 52	500 00		75 00	40
Rochester	Jas. Newberry	Rochester	1,000 00		485 00	2,000 00	2,000 00		90
Romeo	Watson Loud	Romeo	1,500 00		620 20	30,000 00			125
Royal Oak	Levi Toofil	Royal Oak	207 00		100 00	1,500 00			30
St. Clair	Clarence Eddy	St. Clair	1,200 00		310 03	12,000 00			84
Utica	J. H. Boughton	Utica	500 00		201 09	3,500 00			90
Wayne	W. C. Steers	Wayne	700 00		200 00	2,000 00			135
White Rock	Fred. Cummings	White Rock				1,500 00			30
			\$25,229 50	\$12,594 65		\$245,300 00	\$10,450 00	5,286 00	1680
<i>Genesee Conference.</i>									
Alma	L. S. Benham	Alma	400 00		100 00			300 00	25
Alpena	David Plough	Alpena	2,600 00			8,000 00			
Bancroft	James H. Lyman	Bancroft							
Bay City	Willis Catlin	Bay City	2,000 00		1,618 00	7,000 00			103
Breckenridge	Mrs. H. M. Drake	Breckenridge	350 00		10 00			50 00	50
Bridgeport	Walter A. Griffin	Bridgeport	525 00		68 03	1,500 00			28







<i>Lake Superior Conference.</i>		E. T. Curtis	Calumet	1,500 00	558 00	\$10,000 00	\$18,00 0-	113
		C. A. Stringer	Hancock	1,800 00		10,000 00		160
				\$3,300 00	\$558 00	\$20,000 00	\$1,800 00	273
<i>Lansing Association.</i>		Joshua Tennant	Carson City			3,000 00		17
		C. A. Tuck	Coral	460 00	31 00	1,000 00		30
		Rev. Norman L. Otis	Crystal		50 00	2,000 00		40
		O. B. Ingersoll	Delta			2,000 00		25
		W. S. Whittlesey	Edmore	700 00	475 00	2,200 00		100
		Mrs. O. M. Trumbull	Grand Ledge	750 00		2,000 00		80
		Arthur S. Contant	Greenville	1,600 00	1,073 70	25,000 00	\$500 00	227
		J. J. Robbins	Hubbardston	566 66	405 00	3,000 00	1,000 00	33
		Mrs. A. A. Knight	Ionia	512 25				
		Wm. A. Winter	Lakeview			30,000 00		250
		C. B. Stebbins	Lansing	2,000 00				
		Mary Dritz	Williamston			2,000 00		30
		Homer F. Comings	Millbrook		150 00	3,000 00	250 00	150
		C. D. Woodbury	Portland	1,000 00		2,000 00		
		D. G. Huhn	Saranac	550 00	75 00			
		Mrs. E. J. Barkham	Sheridan	700 00	134 00	600 00	400 00	
		Mrs. Ellen S. Hibbard	Stanton	1,325 00	500 00	4,000 00	800 00	75
		John D. Hamilton	Wacousta	500 00	75 00	1,500 00		55
		Miss Dell A. Branch	Williamston	700 00		3,000 00	20 00	
				11,363 91	\$2,968 70	\$86,300 00	\$6,700 00	1,062
<i>Marshall Conference.</i>		Mrs. H. C. Clapp	Bedford			1,500 00		63
		Mrs. F. L. Stevens	Bronson	300 00	23 60	3,500 00	500 00	40
		Chas. H. Raven	Ceresco	600 00		8,500 00		30
		M. Hudson	Charlotte	1,200 00	4,800 00	45,000 00		10
		A. G. Buel	Chester			2,000 00		60
		Mrs. Lucinda Miller	Lacey	200 00	182 00	1,200 00		40
		Mrs. H. L. Fry	Ceresco	200 00	50 00			26
		L. T. White	Eaton Rapids	700 00	157 34	6,000 00	100 00	83
		Thos. Eyre	Marshall	600 00	50 00	1,500 00	1,000 00	60
		Levi M. Dewey	Banfield	256 00	40 00			40
		Gilbert Stone	Kalamo			1,200 00		35
		E. D. Bushnell	Battie Creek, Box 335	600 00	210 00	2,500 00	1,000 00	40
		L. A. Foot	Nashville	800 00				65
		N. Conklin	Lacey					
<i>Lake Superior Conference.</i>		Calumet						
<i>Lansing Association.</i>		Carson City						
<i>Marshall Conference.</i>		Bedford						
<i>Lake Superior Conference.</i>		Calumet						
<i>Lansing Association.</i>		Carson City						
<i>Marshall Conference.</i>		Bedford						



<i>Western Conference.</i>									
Croton	Jonathan Platt	Croton	\$500 00			\$2,000 00		\$200 00	30
Fremont Centre	Jessie McIntire	Fremont Centre	600 00	75 00		1,000 00			
Fruitport	Mrs. M. E. Mack	Fruitport							
Grand Haven	Silas M. Wright	Grand Haven	900 00	210 00		12,000 00			30
Hart	Mrs. B. S. Reed	Hart							
Muskegon	R. K. Mann	Muskegon	2,000 00	700 00		6,000 00		3,500 00	170
Newaygo		Newaygo	650 00	123 00		2,500 00			70
Nunica	Mrs. Sarah B. Greene	Nunica				200 00			
Olive	Chas. Pierce	Olive	150 00						25
Pentwater	William E. Gill	Pentwater	700 00	150 00		1,500 00			25
Robinson	Mrs. Julia Griswold	Robinson	175 00	10 00		800 00			35
Shelley	L. B. Anderson	Shelby	800 00	200 00		2,500 00			60
White Cloud	A. G. Clark	White Cloud	600 00	160 00					30
Whitehall	W. L. Hammond	Whitehall	850 00	200 00		5,000 00		1,200 00	35
			\$7,925 00	\$1,773 00		32,500 00		\$4,900 00	510



**SUMMARY OF BENEVOLENCES, PARISH EXPENSES, CHURCH PROPERTY, ETC.,  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883.**

NAMES OF CONFERENCES AND ASSOCIATIONS.	A. B. C. F. M.	American Home Mis- sionary Society.	American Missionary Association.	Congregational Union.	Congregational Publish- ing Society.	Western Educational Society.	American Bible Society.	Other Benevolences.	Total Benevolences.	PARISH EXPENSES [April '77 to April '78.]		ESTIMATED VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.			Number of Families in Parishes.
										Amt. of Minis- ter's Salary. including rent of Parsonage.	Amt. of Parish Expenses, ex- clusive of Min- ister's Salary.	Church Edifice.	Parsonage.	Perma- nent Funds.	
Cheboygan	\$28 75	\$192 54	\$16 80	\$44 54	---	\$11 19	---	\$15 00	\$308 82	\$5,254 36	\$3,572 54	\$13,100 00	\$1,300 00	\$115 00	420
Chippewa & Mack	4 00	54 30	---	5 00	\$7 00	---	---	---	70 30	1,211 03	---	3,000 00	---	---	119
Eastern	2,387 28	2,509 44	664 61	849 23	109 99	872 06	29 22	6,235 95	13,657 78	25,229 50	12,595 65	245,300 00	10,459 00	5,286 00	1,680
Genesee	266 29	496 91	120 01	18 50	4 00	---	27 98	492 95	1,386 79	19,713 84	18,544 72	141,250 00	5,700 00	1,421 00	1,244
Grand River	369 81	624 95	263 89	31 90	20 00	---	3 72	2,545 98	3,860 25	12,805 00	4,881 00	125,750 00	3,300 00	775 00	1,220
Grand Traverse	62 92	169 76	27 38	3 48	---	---	---	177 00	444 54	6,155 23	436 61	11,000 00	---	139 00	514
Jackson	1,724 26	1,726 75	1,058 76	203 10	50 00	---	42 59	1,881 77	6,886 23	11,950 00	5,359 01	129,400 00	8,500 00	20 00	1,177
Kalamazoo	405 39	970 78	392 91	184 16	---	---	67 51	3,094 88	5,115 65	17,300 00	10,601 60	93,400 00	15,300 00	1,900 00	706
Lake Superior	339 53	174 70	296 62	177 53	---	47 48	40 47	429 77	1,506 10	3,300 00	558 00	20,000 00	1,800 00	---	273
Lansing	311 56	745 46	156 80	137 52	20 00	40 00	108 00	1,061 99	2,611 33	11,363 91	2,968 70	86,300 00	6,700 00	795 00	1,062
Marshall	589 75	610 68	236 17	86 82	7 99	12 42	---	533 02	2,026 85	8,551 00	7,089 90	75,300 00	3,400 00	100 00	964
Northern Central	361 84	233 11	104 84	62 01	5 00	---	3 14	600 00	1,369 94	8,900 00	3,600 00	44,000 00	500 00	50 00	719
Southern Michigan	216 21	405 40	158 92	16 26	5 40	6 00	3 50	96 34	907 97	6,459 87	3,539 08	64,800 00	5,850 00	630 00	857
Western	112 00	319 03	57 50	90 60	31 40	---	41 35	440 88	1,092 76	7,925 00	1,773 00	32,500 00	4,900 00	---	510
Totals	\$7,123 59	\$9,233 16	\$3,555 21	\$1,860 59	\$290 78	\$989 15	\$367 43	\$17,605 53	\$41,045 31	\$146,118 14	\$75,518 81	\$1,085,100 00	\$67,700 00	\$11,222 00	11,465



# NAMES OF MINISTERS

CONNECTED WITH THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN, WITH POST-OFFICE ADDRESS, CORRECTED UP TO DATE OF GOING TO PRESS.

(The figures refer to the Local Bodies.)

Abbott, Theophilus C., Lansing.....	4	Downer, Sawyer B., Prattville.....	13
Adams, Robert, Frankfort.....	6	Dyer, Edmund, Southfield.....	13
Allen, Simeon O., Elizabeth, N. J.....	3	Eaton, Danforth L., Lowell.....	5
Allen, Wm. C., Leslie.....	7	Eddy, Clarence, St. Clair.....	3
Allworth, John, Detroit.....	8	Eddy, Zachary, Detroit.....	3
Andrus, Elizur, Cooper.....	8	Estabrook, Joseph, Olivet.....	11
Armstrong, James, Wayland.....	1	Evarts, Nathaniel K., Coral.....	5
		Everts, Reuben, Battle Creek.....	11
Bacon, Miles E., Ashton, Dak. Ter.....	11	Fairfield, Edmund B., Manistee.....	12
Bailey, Charles E., Benzonia.....	6	Fairfield, Miner W., Muskegon.....	14
Baird, Robert G., Lansing.....	3	Falconer, Alexander, Custer.....	12
Baldwin, John A., Detroit.....	3	Finster, Clarence, Allendale.....	14
Barker, Horatio A., Oakley.....	4	Fleming, Samuel, Burr Oak.....	13
*Barnard, Stephen A., Lansing.....	10	Fletcher, Rufus W., Hart.....	14
Barnes, Joseph A., Williamston.....	12	Flook, Jacob, New Haven.....	3
Barrows, Walter M., New York City.....	11	Francis, D. W., Mazon, Ill.....	5
Baxter, Thos. G., Dorr.....	8	Frey, Isaa : M., Valley City, Dak.....	7
Beach, George L., Dakota Ter.....	12	Frost, Lewis P., Janesville, Wis.....	4
Beale, Charles H., Cadillac.....	1		
Beale, William T., Manistee.....	12	Gale, Sullivan F., Romeo.....	3
Benford, George, Solon.....	6	Galiger, James P.....	14
Berney, Daniel, Port Sanilac.....	3	Glidden, N. Dimic, Hubbardston.....	3
Berry, Edward A., St. Clair.....	3	Goodell, Henry M., Blair, Neb.....	14
Bettes, Darius, Ionia.....	5	Goodrich, Darius N., Benzonia.....	6
Bissell, Frank A., Otsego.....	8	Goodwin, Henry M., Olivet.....	11
Bonnell, Spencer R., Unionville, O.....	3	Gordon, Isaac G., Naubinway.....	2
Bonney, John R., Bronson.....	11	Grannis, George H., Ypsilanti.....	7
Booth, Edwin, Grandville.....	5	Graves, Joseph S., Niles.....	8
Borton, Jesse P., Ransom.....	13	Gray, Matthew S., Farwell.....	12
Bothwell, George W., Portland.....	10	Green, Nelson, Detroit.....	3
Bradford, Park A. C., Lawrence.....	8	Gridley, Albert L., Benzonia.....	6
Branch, Edwin T., Somersset.....	13		
Breed, D. Payson, Eaton Rapids.....	11	Hadley, Andrew J., Olivet.....	11
Breed, Samuel D., Ypsilanti.....	3	Hale, Lewis E., Bear Lake.....	6
Brewster, Wm. H., Benton Harbor.....	8	Harvey, Edward H., Augusta.....	8
Bristol, Frank L., Ithaca.....	4	Hibbard, Augustine G., Stanton.....	10
Brown, Anselm B., Detroit.....	3	Higgins, Robert M., Calumet.....	9
Brown, Charles O., Kalamazoo.....	8	Holliday, Henry M., Olivet.....	5
Brown, Henry E., Lansing.....	10	Holmes, Thomas, Chelsea.....	7
Bryant, Stephen O., Ceresco.....	11	Hosford, Oramel, Olivet.....	11
Bugbey, W. S., Middleville.....	5	Hough, Jesse W., Jackson.....	7
Bullock, Motier A., Silvertown, Col.....	3	Hovenden, Robert, Wacousta.....	3
Bunnell, John J., Cedar Creek.....	10	Hunt, Ozro N., Cedar Springs.....	8
Burgess, Richard M., Clio.....	4	Hunt, Ward I., Columbus.....	3
Bush, Frederick W., Bedford.....	11	Hurd, Fayette, Grand Blanc.....	4
Butterfield, Horatio Q., Olivet.....	11	Hurd, Philo R., Detroit.....	3
		Husted, John T., Ovid.....	4
Cady, Cornelius S., Ann Arbor.....	11		
Cairnduff, William H., Frankfort.....	5	James, Wm. A., Minneapolis, Minn., 11	
Caldwell, William E., Onondaga.....	5	Jefferies, John, White Cloud.....	14
Calland, William C., St. Louis.....	4	Jenkinson, Henry S., Metamora.....	3
Candee, George, Wayland.....	5	Jones, Ira B., Alba.....	5
Coate, Henry, Marshall.....	11	Jones, Thomas, Detroit.....	3
Cochran, Albert B., Bangor.....	8		
Colton, Theron G., Hudson.....	13	Kaley, John A., Carey, Ohio.....	5
Cossar, Andrew O., Imlay City.....	3	Keays, Charles H., Oxford.....	3
Crane, Kendrick H., Pinckney.....	7	Kedzie, Adam S., Grand Haven.....	14
Curry, Erastus S., Newberry.....	2	Kellogg, Wilfred M., Goodrich.....	4
Curry, William, Bay Mills.....	2	Kelsey, Edward D., Almont.....	3
Curtiss, Leander, Croton.....	12	Kelsey, Lysander, Maybee.....	13
		Keyes, Russell M., Ludington.....	12
Daniels, Joseph L., Olivet.....	11	Kidder, John S., Hopkins.....	8
Davies, James, Atwood.....	1	King, Walter D., Bridgeport.....	4
Dawson, John B., Essexville.....	4	Kirkland, Elias E., Northport.....	1
Day, Warren F., East Saginaw.....	4	Kitchel, Harvey D., East Liverpool, O.....	3
Dickinson, Fred'k W., W. Williamsfield, O.....	3		
D'Ooge, Martin L., Ann Arbor.....	7	Lanphear, Nathaniel D., Alamo.....	8
		Lee, Lucius O., Marash, Turkey.....	4
		Lewis, Richard, Whitehall.....	14

\*Died June 24th, 1883.

Liggett, James D., Detroit..... 3  
 Lincoln, George E., Hartland..... 4  
 Linkletter, Elihu, Almira..... 6  
 Livermore, Albert, Nashville..... 2  
 Loomis, Elihu, Oakwood..... 3  
 Lowry, Martin, Port Sanilac..... 3  
 Lyle, William W., Bay City..... 4  
 Lyon, J. Monroe, Rochester..... 4

Mahan, Asa, London, England.....13  
 Marsh, Charles A., Andover, Mass.... 1  
 Harsh, Henry, Edmore.....10  
 Martin, Moses M., Three Oaks..... 8  
 McClelland, Page F., Northport..... 1  
 McConnoughey, A. M., Wahyamega,11  
 McCracken, Wm., Big Rapids.....12  
 McCunn, Drummond, Grand Ledge.10  
 McKay, James A., Grand Junction... 5  
 McKeever, Isaac W., Allegan..... 8  
 McNair, David C., Wayne..... 3  
 Millard, Joseph D., Bear Lake..... 6  
 Miller, Daniel, Glen Arbor..... 6  
 Miller, Elisha W., Clinton.....13  
 Milton, George R., Winnebago, Ill... 8  
 Mitchell, John C., New Haven, Conn..14  
 Moore, Benjamin, Middleville..... 5  
 Morley, John, Chase.....12  
 Morse, Henry C., Union City.....11  
 Murray, Oliver E., Plankinton, Dak.Ter.,11

Norris, Austin H., Richmond..... 3

Osborne, William H., Lowell..... 5  
 Otis, Norman L., Crystal..... 5

Palmer, Seward S., Mancelona..... 1  
 Parker, Charles, Salem Oregon.....10  
 Parry, Porter B., Bridgeman..... 8  
 Parsons, Robert, Flat Rock..... 3  
 Patchin, John, Grass Lake..... 7  
 Patton, James L., Greenville.....10  
 Perry, Charles H., Memphis..... 3  
 Perry, Peter W., Dowagiac..... 8  
 Phillips, Samuel, Disco..... 3  
 Platt, Lester B., Flint..... 4  
 Pollard, George A., Grand Rapids... 5  
 Porter, T. Arthur, Kalkaska..... 1  
 Prudden, Theodore P., Lansing.....10  
 Puddefoot, William G., St. Ignace... 5

Redeoff, Richard, Sherman..... 6  
 Richards, Jonathan E., St. Johns... 4  
 Roberts, John B., Old Mission..... 6  
 Roberts, Wm. G., Spring Valley, Minn. 7  
 Rose, Edwin, Bowling Green, Ohio... 4  
 Ross, A. Hastings, Port Huron..... 3  
 Ryder, William H., Ann Arbor..... 7

Sailor, John, Grand Rapids..... 8  
 Sanderson, John P., Kalamazoo..... 8  
 Sargent, Ben. F., Grand Rapids..... 5  
 Scott, Enos B., Onkama..... 6  
 Seaver, William R., Traverse City...14  
 Sessions, Samuel, St. Johns..... 4  
 Shattuck, Calvin S., Litchfield.....13  
 Shaw, Edwin W., Lansing..... 4  
 Shultz, J. D., Dundee.....13  
 Sillence, William E., Manistee.....12  
 Skentlebury, William H., So. Haven,10  
 Smith, Henry H., Hopkins..... 8  
 Smith, J. Malcolm, Olivet..... 6  
 Smith, J. Morgan, Grand Rapids.... 5  
 Smith, Moses, Detroit..... 3  
 Smith, W. J., Whitehall.....14  
 Spelman, Levi P., Covert..... 8  
 Spooner, Charles, Olivet.....11  
 Spoor, Orange H., Charlotte.....11  
 Stevens, Charles H., Alma..... 4  
 Stone, Edward P., Arkdale..... 3  
 Stout, William D., Lickley's Corners,13

Taylor, James F., Saugatuck..... 8  
 Taylor, Raynsford, California..... 5  
 Temple, Charles, Otsego..... 8  
 Thompson, Oren C., Detroit..... 3

Uiterwyk, Henry, Grand Rapids.... 5

Van Antwerp, John, Morenci.....13  
 Van Auken, Abram, Vanderbilt.... 1  
 Van Auken, Chauncey F., Charlevoix, 8  
 Van Auken, Helmas H., Union City, 7  
 Van Wagner, James M., Lowell..... 5  
 Verney, James, Vernon.....11

Waldo, Levi F., Shelby..... 5  
 Wallace, Robert W., Detroit..... 3  
 Warren, Leroy, Lansing.....10  
 Warren, Waters, Three Oaks..... 8  
 Wastell, William P., Clinton..... 3  
 Waterman, Alfred T., East Tawas... 4  
 Waters, Otis B., Webster..... 7  
 Watts, James, Shelby.....10  
 White, Frank N., Hancock..... 9  
 Williams, Horace R., Vermontville.11  
 Williams, Wolcott B., Charlotte...11  
 Wilson, George E., Pittsford.....13  
 Wilson, George H., Owosso..... 4  
 Winslow, Edward C., Galesburg..... 8  
 Wood, Fred C., Lacey.....11  
 Woodmansee, William, Lexington... 3  
 Worden, Jesse A. S., Saranac.....10  
 Wright, Malan H., Utica..... 3  
 Wright, Newel S., Detroit..... 8  
 Wrigley, Francis, Fremont Center..14

## LICENTIATES.

Brown, Luther E., Sidney, Neb..... 4  
 Carey, Newton J., Alba..... 1  
 Cross, Andrew M., White Rock..... 4  
 Doyle, A. A., Laingsburg.....10  
 Finn, Alvin C., Manton.....12  
 Humphrey, Robert, Gaylord..... 3

Lillie, Isaac B., Strongville..... 2  
 Newberry, Charles E., St. Ignace... 1  
 Schemerhorn, P., North Adams.....13  
 Strang, Clement J., Keeler..... 8  
 Thornton, O. B., Berryville..... 1

## UNASSOCIATED.

Angell, Marcus S., New Baltimore...  
 †Craig, James A., Grand Haven.....

†Fowler, William A., Sand Lake....  
 †Wight, Ambrose S., Mattawan.....

†Recently ordained.

# HOME MISSIONS

IN MICHIGAN.

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883.

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More missionaries have been in commission in Michigan the past year than ever before. For the first time in the history of the state, the number of our missionaries has exceeded one hundred. The largest number heretofore has been ninety-five; this year one hundred and five. More money has been spent in the work than in any year before.

On the other hand, the contributions of the churches this year have been \$2,524.54 less than they were last year; this year \$7,763.85, last year \$10,288.39. But for the legacies, many of our Michigan missionaries would have failed to receive the help promised them. Though so much less than last year, the contributions this year have been greater than in any preceding year except the last. The amount received from Michigan legacies has been larger than ever before, \$13,933.92.

The falling off in contributions is excused, in the case of some churches, by the fact that more than \$4,000 has been contributed to home missionary work in the state in the way of special help to individual churches and mission enterprises. These gifts have been somewhat larger than usual this year. Such gifts do not usually pass through any missionary treasury, and so they are not reported. But these special gifts do not by any means account for all the falling off in contributions. In the Genesee Conference, for example, the contributions fell off more than half. The three largest churches, which contributed more than half that was given in that conference the previous year, have this year

changed pastors; and their contributions were put off on account of this interruption of services. The church in Jackson contributed \$700, the largest sum given by any church. The Jackson conference also contributed a larger amount than any other conference. The churches of this conference averaged \$1.10 per resident church member. In some other conferences the average per member was less than one half this amount; and, in two or three, less than one third. The appended tables show the amount given by every church and every conference, and the average per resident member. The large average of contributions in the Jackson Conference, \$1.10 per resident member, is mainly due to the faithfulness of the pastors, and especially to the example and persevering labor of the conference home missionary committee. In too many cases, our conference committees seem to think their principal duty to consist in writing their autographs on the applications for aid which pass through their hands, and they have too little appreciation of their high calling to lead on the churches to increased giving for this great work of state evangelization.

Our work has made fair progress during the year. A few churches which had been some time vacant, and had fallen more or less into decline, have been supplied and revived in interest. In a body of churches so large as we now have, there is likely to be always on hand some work of this kind, and we must heed the command, "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain that are ready to die." Thirteen new churches have been organized since the last meeting of the general association. Some of the churches organized the past year are in larger towns than those in which we usually begin new enterprises. About three fourths of our new churches from year to year are organized in small villages and settlements where society is just taking form, and where no other churches exist. In most cases we build where foundations have not been laid by others. But occasionally Christian people in the larger towns desire help to plant a church after the Congregational way; and it is sometimes necessary to help them. This year churches have been organized in Nashville, Bangor, Douglas, St. Louis and Charlevoix. A beginning of good promise has also been made at Cadillac, though the church has not yet been recognized by council. Ten home missionary churches have secured houses of worship at a cost of about \$13,500. Perhaps also the two mission chapels built by Detroit churches might be mentioned here as an interesting item of missionary progress, under the labors of brethren whom we love, though they are not home missionaries. Ten churches which had previously received aid have been self-supporting the past year. There have been a larger number of revivals than usual in the home missionary churches. Many of the churches have had to say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

In the scarcity of ministers for our home missionary churches, we have the past year sought recruits from England. In response to letters written to our Congregational colleges there, eight men came, six of

whom still bear the society's commission in Michigan. Others are on the way this spring. We greatly need here a training school after the pattern of some of the English colleges to fit for the ministry the large number of men somewhat advanced in life, who are strongly inclined to preach but who, by reason of age or family responsibilities, cannot come into the ministry through the ten years course offered by our colleges and theological seminaries. The Lord seems to call many men to preach, for whom a college and seminary course is impracticable; and, if we could find a way to help these men into the work with such preparation as may be practicable for them, we should not long be in want of good men for our home missionary fields. Our traditional methods of training practically close the door to the ministry against many men who would gladly come in, and who, as experience shows, might be very useful.

A new measure in our state work this year has been the appointment of a general missionary for northern Michigan, especially for the work in the Upper Peninsula. This northern two-fifths of the state, which the immigrant has long avoided, is now filling with people. It contains an area a little larger than that of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut combined. Its resources are rich and varied. Its railroad system is developing and forming connections with the great trunk lines of the country. Now is the golden opportunity to plant the first churches of Christ in the new settlements and rising villages along these new railway lines. We cannot afford to leave that part of the state without the gospel to grow into heathenism. From Lansing to St. Ignace, the doorway of the Upper Peninsula, is two hundred and sixty-eight miles, and to Marquette, the central city of the Upper Peninsula, the distance from Lansing is four hundred and twenty miles. This vast and far off region must have a resident general missionary, if the work is to be at all adequately cared for and set forward. Your committee last autumn presented this subject to the officers of the society in New York and they cordially approved the plan. Rev. Richard Lewis was appointed to the work at the beginning of the winter, and entered upon it with interest, but found himself, after a brief trial, physically disqualified for it. His successor, Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, has recently begun work; and we ask for him and his work your prayers that, in these new responsibilities, the hand of the Lord may be with him, to plant and to build and to establish the churches of Christ in these distant parts of the state.

In this matter of the appointment of a general missionary for Northern Michigan, we have been only too slow. We cannot overestimate the urgency of the work in these new regions. Already have the people waited too long for the gospel. It is of unspeakable importance that a new settlement or village have the gospel early, before the people become fixed in the habit of church neglect. In the new village, where there is no church and no preaching of the gospel, there is likely soon to be no Sunday. Drunkenness and worse vices pollute and destroy. When such a new village has been going on thus a few years without the gospel,

missionary work, if undertaken at all, will be at the greatest disadvantage. The habits of the people are fixed in evil. To plant a church in such a community is perhaps more difficult than to plant one in a heathen country where Christ has never been named. Missionary work in such a community is costly and slow and trying to faith. Sometimes it seems almost the only way to wait for the first generation to die before religious institutions can make much headway in such a community. On the other hand, if the gospel can be preached in a new village in the very beginning, it is comparatively easy to gather a church; and habits of church attendance and of outward compliance with religion grow; and the spiritual power of the gospel molds the life of the people. Early training is as important for communities as for individuals. We cannot give the gospel to a new settlement too soon. Wherever people go to establish homes and to organize society, there is an immediate and pressing necessity that the preached gospel should go. We ought to understand this better than we do and to feel it more deeply.

For the next five years or thereabouts we ought to increase our missionary force in Michigan every year and to press forward the work with utmost zeal. The settlement and growth of the state, and the development of all its resources will go forward for five years to come more rapidly than ever before. By the year 1890, or perhaps a little earlier, our home missionary work in Michigan may be expected to reach and pass the maximum and thereafter to begin to decrease. By that date the first occupying of the new lands will be mainly completed. All cheap lands will be taken. Most of the counties will be settled throughout their whole extent. The centers of trade and population will be fixed; and the first churches in most of these centers will have been organized. Pine lumbering will mostly be finished. May 31, 1880, according to the census reports, the amount of merchantable pine timber in the state then standing was thirty-five billion feet. The amount cut during the year preceding was four and a half billion feet. The amount of annual cut for each year since has probably been somewhat greater. But if we suppose the rate of cutting to continue from year to year about the same as in 1880, the pine would all disappear by the beginning of 1888. However, as pine becomes scarcer and dearer, it will be used more sparingly. Other woods for many uses will take its place. The pine will not all be gone by 1888; but by that date, or even earlier, Northern Michigan will cease to be mainly a pine lumber country. Further, our hard wood forests are disappearing with utmost rapidity. The manufacture of hard wood lumber for a thousand uses is increasing daily. Iron workers are sweeping whole townships of their timber every year for charcoal. It is thus easy to see that by the year 1890 Northern Michigan will not only have passed out of the condition of a pine lumber country; it will have ceased to be a forest region. The days of the woodman and the pioneer are numbered. There is every reason to suppose that the first settlement of the state will be mainly completed before another national census is taken. After that date it will be no longer



necessary for us to organize churches at the rate of one a month. Congregationalism in Michigan will have attained its full stature or nearly so, though it will continue to grow in circumference and weight, filling out its goodly outlines.

But these are the years of our greatest growth. This is the spring time in the religious history of our commonwealth. Some of the states have passed their spring; and to others spring has not yet fully come. Our spring is now. Everywhere there is life and growth. Every lengthening shoot is full of sap. Now is the time to plant. The chief labor of our church planting will be finished in the remaining seven years of this decade, mostly in the next five years. Our spring is passing; it is getting late. It is folly now to make this church planting work second to anything else. Every motive of patriotism and piety and good sense, of Christian wisdom and love to Christ and his kingdom should lead us to give this work of home missions the very first place in our prayers and plans and gifts.

May we not then ask for this cause first your prayers, then larger giving than ever before? Shall we not have the generous help of all the churches? May we not rely on the hearty co-operation of all the pastors, and especially of all the home missionary committees in bringing the claims of home missions to the churches?

And, finally, may we not hope that the women of our churches will do something to help in this great emergency? Have not home missionaries and home missionary wives and children some claim upon the love and care of the women of Michigan? Unless we all do our best, and better than we have done heretofore, there is every reason to expect there will be want in home missionary households in Northern Michigan next winter. At our present rate of giving, there will surely be, unless indeed the missionaries withdraw from the field and leave the people without the gospel.

ARTHUR O. BEMENT,  
E. F. GRABILL,  
H. E. BAKER,  
T. P. PRUDDEN,  
W. B. WILLIAMS,  
C. A. GOWER,  
LEROY WARREN,  
Executive Committee.

Adopted, Lansing, May 10, 1883.

## TABLE OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO HOME MISSIONS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1883.

Showing (1) the number of resident members in every church, (2) the amount paid by every church and (3) the average amount per member contributed by every church.

CONFERENCES.	Resident Members.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.	CONFERENCES.	Resident Members.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.
<b>Eastern.</b>				North Johnstown.....	8		
Almont.....	91	\$ 36 25	\$ 39	Olivet.....	216	248 40	1 15
Armada.....	73	50 66	69	Onondaga.....	29	10 00	34
Chesterfield.....	46	8 80	19	Pottersville.....	39	8 00	20
Columbus.....	61	38 95	63	Vermontville.....	134		
Detroit, First.....	409	385 35	94	Walton.....	20		
Detroit, Second.....	268	115 16	43		1,219	627 90	51
Detroit, Trumbull av	95	15 85	16	<b>Grand River.</b>			
Detroit, Fort Wayne	30	43 20	1 44	Ada First.....	44	26 40	60
Flat Rock.....	45	5 25	11	Ada Second.....	19	11 36	59
Imlay City.....	60	48 50	80	Allendale.....	39	30 70	78
Lexington.....	19	26 68	1 40	Alpine and Walker	41		
Memphis.....	88	2 00	02	Bradley.....	38	10 00	26
Metamora.....	49			Cannon.....	28		
New Baltimore.....	28			Cannonsburg.....	17		
New Haven.....	30	29 00	96	Cedar Springs.....	22	18 00	81
Oakwood.....	47			Dorr.....	99		
Orion.....	44	14 57	33	Dorr Village.....	21	16 34	77
Oxford.....	22	11 30	51	Eastmanville.....	18	5 32	29
Pontiac.....	170	14 41	08	Freeport.....	17		
Port Huron.....	233	82 31	35	Grand Rapids, 1st..	457	200 00	43
Port Sanilac.....	23	11 40	49	Grand Rapids, 2d..	81	11 10	13
Richmond.....	58	24 00	41	Grand Rapids, S.....	90	18 73	20
Rochester.....	102			Grandville.....	30	20 00	66
Romeo.....	171	521 87	3 05	Hudsonville.....	22	12 00	54
Royal Oak.....	40	4 00	10	Irving.....	21	5 50	26
St. Clair.....	93			Lamont.....	34		
Utica.....	58	25 00	43	Lowell.....	45	23 34	51
Wayne.....	196	21 00	10	Middleville.....	60	25 86	43
White Rock.....	15	5 72	38	Paris.....	22		
	2,664	1,541 23	57	Rockford.....	27	20 00	74
<b>Jackson.</b>				Sand Lake.....	9		
Ann Arbor.....	238	254 50	1 06	Wayland.....	29	13 00	44
Augusta.....	40	3 50	08		1,330	467 65	34
Chelsea.....	124	250 00	2 01	<b>Genesee.</b>			
Grass Lake.....	99	57 00	57	Alma.....	21	11 75	55
Hamburg.....				Alpena.....	250	114 68	45
Jackson.....	401	700 00	1 74	Bancroft.....	10	11 58	1 15
Leslie.....	73			Bay City.....	84	40 09	47
Michigan Centre.....	19	14 00	73	Breckenridge.....	21	11 75	55
Napoleon.....				Bridgeport.....	26	18 00	69
North Leoni.....	17	5 00	29	East Fulton.....	22	14 63	66
Pinckney.....	44	25 00	56	East Saginaw.....	310		
Salem.....	41	41 00	1 00	East Tawas.....	54	20 00	37
Sandstone.....	36			Essexville.....	24	20 00	80
Summit.....	61	86 74	1 45	Flint.....	135	10 50	07
Union City.....	210	230 78	1 09	Genesee.....	30	10 00	33
Webster.....	57	37 75	66	Goodrich.....	27		
Ypsilanti.....	87	6 00	06	Grand Blanc.....	61	37 49	61
	1,547	1,711 27	1 10	Hartland.....	47	20 85	44
<b>Marshall.</b>				Ithaca.....	28	10 33	36
Bedford.....	69			Laingsburg.....	47	84 21	1 78
Bronson.....	53	26 96	50	Maple Rapids.....	85		
Ceresco.....	21	25 00	1 19	Munger.....	7		
Charlotte.....	229	159 55	69	Ovid.....	50	52 50	1 05
Chester.....	55	8 00	14	Owosso.....	172		
East Johnstown.....	28	8 00	28	Perry.....	39	27 22	69
Eaton Rapids.....	93	40 03	43	St. Johns.....	125	16 50	13
Fredonia.....	100	25 00	25	Standish.....	18	3 00	16
Johnstown and B.....	14	15 00	1 07	Tawas City.....	51	26 28	51
Kalamo.....	36	21 50	59	Tyrone.....	32	6 25	19
Leroy.....	75	32 46	43	Vernon.....	34	3 50	10
Marshall.....				Victor.....	44		
				Vienna.....	57	31 72	55
					1,911	602 83	31



CONFERENCES.	Resident Members.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.	CONFERENCES.	Resident Members.	Amount Contributed.	Average per Member.
<b>Southern.</b>				Nunica.....	8	\$ 1 00	12
Canandaigua.....	24	\$ 12 00	50	Olive.....	15	12 50	83
Clinton.....	99	22 53	22	Pontwater.....	37	10 00	27
Dundee.....	21	12 19	58	Robinson.....	25	7 50	30
Franklin.....	45	18 00	40	Shelby.....	49	18 42	37
Hudson.....	112	75 00	66	White Cloud.....	35	50 00	1 40
Jerome.....	12			Whitehall.....	47	25 75	54
Litchfield.....	113	33 67	29		495	323 82	65
London.....	20			<b>Northern Cen.</b>			
Maybee.....	8	5 14	64	Baldwin.....	16	7 41	46
Morenel.....	65	29 00	44	Big Rapids.....	52	27 44	52
North Adams.....	100	31 00	31	Chase.....	22	20 17	91
Prattville.....	28	10 72	38	Clare.....	31	8 00	25
Raisinville.....	8	9 12	1 14	Croton.....			
Ransom.....	36	27 16	75	Custer.....	7	3 45	49
Somerset.....	65	56 00	86	Farwell.....	15	12 12	80
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